

St. Michael and All Angels Church, Helensburgh

Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Constituent Members of the Congregation

Sunday 9th December 2018

St. Michaels' Church Hall

The AGM opened with a prayer.

Sederunt.

1. 58 members of the congregation attended (Quorum is 25). A number of apologies had been received.

Minutes.

2. The minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted as an accurate record.

Proposed by Richard Smith. Seconded by Ann Andrew.

Matters Arising.

3. There were no matters arising.

Election of Vestry Members.

4. The capacity of the Vestry is 6 – 9 elected members. 3 were standing down:

David Menzies, John Sadden, Derek Spall.

The Rector paid tribute to each and thanked them for their service.

5. The following candidates had put themselves forward to serve as elected members and were duly elected:

Maureen McCormick (Proposed by N Davies. Seconded by J Boak)

Joan Thompson (Proposed by M McKenzie. Seconded by M Horrell)

David Ronald (Proposed by Richard Smith. Seconded by A Andrew)

Graham Kinder (Proposed by B Kyle. Seconded by J Scott)

Election of Lay Representatives.

6. Two candidates had volunteered to be Lay Rep:

Richard Horrell (Proposed by M Horrell. Seconded M McKenzie)

Richard Smith (Proposed by N Davies. Seconded by M Kyle)

A ballot took place and Richard Horrell was duly elected as Lay Representative, with Richard Smith as the Alternate Lay Representative. (Richard Horrell subsequently stood down as an elected Vestry member but remains on the Vestry in his capacity as Lay Representative).

7. Margaret Wardil was elected 2nd Alternate Lay Representative (Proposed by J Thompson. Seconded by L Douglas)

Trustees Annual Report (TAR) & Accounts.

8. The TAR and accounts had been made available prior to the AGM, both as paper copies left at the back of the church and on the St Michaels' website.
9. The Hon. Treasurer delivered a verbal brief on the salient points. Income had been greater than last year because of a number of generous donations given towards specific projects, several fundraising events and a diocesan grant towards the cost of rectory refurbishment. Expenditure was less than last year because we had saved on the stipend, although that was largely offset by the costs of rectory refurbishment. Income in unrestricted funds, from which we must meet all our routine expenditure, had decreased somewhat.
10. In summary, expenditure had not outstripped income, we had not had to call on reserves, but we need to continue to exercise care over expenditure. We must find ways to increase our unrestricted income; a repeat stewardship campaign may be required in 2020.
11. The Hon. Treasurer thanked all those who had helped with finance related tasks, and specifically John Sadden for his 30 years involvement with St Michaels finances and the many hours he had devoted to assisting her.
12. Chris Packard congratulated the Vestry on a comprehensive TAR and accounts. He did however question the stated average congregation numbers, and these were duly corrected in the version of the report to be submitted to the Charity Regulator.

Appointment of Independent Examiner.

13. 'Clements' Chartered Accountants had done a very professional job on the accounts. Their rates were reported to be about average compared with other SEC accounts. It was agreed that we should continue to use 'Clements'.

(Proposed by Michael Baker. Seconded by Margaret Gilbert).

AOCB.

14. Coffee Rota. Margaret Horrell welcomed the installation of the tea/coffee servery, and thanked the volunteers who serve coffee after the Sunday service.
15. VOL tea Bar. VSec thanked those who had volunteered to run the VOL tea bar, thus fulfilling an important part of St Michaels' outreach.
16. Property Manager. VSec reminded the congregation that Derek Spall had done a magnificent job, but after 5 years he should be allowed to stand down, and we need a volunteer to take over.
17. Jane Davies paid tribute to Dom and Anna for their seamless and positive integration into the life of St Michaels' and the spiritual leadership they are giving.

Rector's Concluding Remarks.

18. The Rector's report had been delivered as the sermon during the 1030 service, and the text is available on the St Michaels website.
19. He added that the impending increase in the population of HM Naval Base Clyde as a result of the submarine service being solely focussed in Scotland presented St Michaels' with an opportunity, and we will need to consider how we are to increase our connection.

The AGM concluded with the Grace.