

LOCHGILPHEAD PARISH CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 2009

At Lochgilphead and within the Parish Church Hall, there on Wednesday 7th October 2009, the meeting of the Congregational Board was held and was constituted with prayer.

Present

Mr R Morrison (in the Chair), Messrs W Kennedy, J Kirk, F J Killeen, M MacFadyen, T Stevenson, S Taylor, Mrs E Armstrong, Mrs J Cranston, Mrs M Davidson, Miss F Fleming, Miss M Jacobsen, Mrs C Stevenson, Mrs M Taylor and Mrs M MacDonald, Clerk.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were intimated from Rev Hilda Smith, Messrs I Davidson, A Emslie and Mrs I MacArthur.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting of 10th June 2009, having already been circulated were approved. Proposed by J Kirk and seconded by S Taylor.

Matters Arising not listed below

Tom advised that the relevant Reports were not attached to the email from the Minister, advising of the Board Meeting. The Reports were therefore read out by the Clerk, whose omission it was.

Frances advised that she had paid for the second lot of calendars herself and that the Project Group did not fund them. This was noted by the Board.

Finance

Mr E Armstrong presented the report as attached:

There followed a discussion about the importance of keeping funds in the General Fund and Fabric Fund for ongoing expenses. Everyone agreed that it was essential that the normal expenses of Church and Manse need to be met first and stipend and utility bills etc must be paid. It was pointed out by several members that proceeds of the Spring Fete had gone to the Renewal Project so it was therefore agreed by the Board that the proceeds of the Autumn Fete would go to the Fabric Fund as it had in the past, as funds were desperately needed now. There would be a few specific exceptions to this at the Autumn Fete, which would still go to the Renewal Project if earmarked for that purpose and these would be deducted from the overall total raised and put in that account. It was also noted that some of the regular Coffee Mornings had been.....

.....been cancelled because of other fundraising activities for the Project and these proceeds had previously gone to the Fabric Fund. After some discussion on this, the Board decided that the proceeds of the next two or three Coffee Mornings should also go to the Fabric Fund as we have to maintain a working balance in Fabric. Various suggestions were made regarding the accounts and one of these was that any surplus in the Fabric Fund at the end of the year, which was not required, should then be put to the Renewal Project Fund but no decision was made.

Much discussion followed on the best way forward in the future for any funds donated. As most of the donations from weddings, funerals etc are at present being directed to the Renewal Project, it was agreed by the Board that these should initially go into the General Fund as before, unless specifically given for the Project Fund by the donor and they should not be encouraged to do otherwise.

Edna again stressed the need to be economical with the electricity as charges are very high.

Fabric

On behalf of Mr Ian Davidson, Fabric Convenor, Mrs M Davidson presented the Report which is attached.

With regard to the quotations for painting, some discussion took place regarding the immediate work requiring to be done and it was agreed that the Manse has priority in this instance and that further works would be carried out as and when funds were available.

The Board expressed their thanks for the work carried out free of charge by Taylor Roofing.

Presbytery

There was no Report.

Hall Report

Mr Kennedy presented the report as follows:

Saturday 7th November – Youth Group Coffee Morning
Saturday 21st November - Coffee Morning for the Fabric Fund.

Social Committee

There was no report but Mrs Margaret Davidson, Social Committee Convenor reminded us of the next two social occasions as follows:

Christmas Lunch on Sunday 6th December.....

.....December.

Burns Supper on Sunday 31st January 2010.

Fundraising Committee

There was no report but Mr Tom Stevenson, Fundraising Convenor, advised of the next fundraising event which would be the Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st November, which was agreed would be for the Fabric Fund.

LPC Renewal Project

There was no Report but it was intimated that Sandy Taylor had stepped down as Convenor of the Project Group, although he would still be involved with the Group and Ian Davidson had agreed to be the new Convenor.

The Board were told about the Christmas Tree Festival which was to be held in Church from 16th to 19th December and what it involved. It is hoped to arrange for some young ones from the schools etc to take part in various musical entertainments, which would be held simultaneously in Church and teas and coffees would be served in the Hall for the Project Fund. A letter is being prepared to go into the Squeak next week about this.

A meeting was held with the Architect recently and there may be some readjustment to the plans for the Hall. A further report is to be submitted to the Church looking at ways of reducing costs.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Wednesday, 25th November 2009 at 7.30pm.

Benediction

There being no further business, the meeting closed with the Benediction from Rev Hilda Smith, who had joined us later.

_____Chairman

_____Clerk

