

The Scottish Episcopal Church

Greyfriars

Kirkcudbright

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th March 2017 at Greyfriars House.

- 1 **The opening prayer** was given by the Revd. Stephen Hazlett. Present at the meeting were: The Rector (SH); John Boyd (JB); Vivien Dania (VD); Gwen Shaw (GS) Sue Davies (SD) Nigel Davies (ND) and Tom Jones (TJ) Rachel Inglis (RI) was present for item 5 regarding the Website.
- 2 **Apologies for absence:** Bob Reddaway and Grant Oliver (we prayed for success with Patricia's operation the next morning).
- 3 **Minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2017:** these were agreed and signed by the Rector.
- 4 **Matters arising:** There were no matters arising not covered by the agenda.
- 5 **Website Greyfriars:** Rachel Inglis (RI) thanked the Vestry for all the comments made at the last meeting. At a meeting with the Rector, Laura Durling and herself the joint front page of the new website had been agreed. (RI) has now sent all the information for the Greyfriars part of the website to Ken Smythe the Website Manager and is waiting to hear back from him. She explained that once the website was up and running the News/Events items would be changed regularly: she would incorporate the links we had with various organizations; Sea Cadets; Rotary; Inner Wheel; Churches Together to name a few. Photos would be added and pdf's for the Link magazine and Institution etc. The Rector thanked Rachel for the hard work and careful thought she had put into the project. **Attached the updated report from (RI) at appendix 1.**
- 6 **Reports:**
 - a. Lay representative: Tom Jones (TJ) confirmed that he had written a full report on his and the Rector's attendance at the Annual Synod on 4th March. **Attached at Appendix 2.** The Rector reported that a Vote had been taken on Canon Law 31 and the vote carried to change: the results had been 26 for and 14 against of the Clergy and 26 for and 14 against of the Lay people. If the Scottish Episcopal Church goes ahead they will be in the minority in the Anglican Church.
 - b. *Treasurer:* in Grant Oliver's absence he had sent a report which was circulated and discussed. **Attached at Appendix 3**
 - c. *Property:* Nigel Davies (ND) gave an update on the Church, and Rector and John Boyd (JB) an update on Greyfriars House. (ND's report is at **Appendix 4**) (JB) confirmed that he had completed the painting of the lavatory and suggested we might ask the Academy to paint a mural on the wall. The carpets needed cleaning and more pictures were needed for the walls. Any donations would be gratefully received. He wanted the Vestry to know that the Food Bank was using one of the rooms upstairs at no charge.

- d. *Churches Together*: Vivien Dania gave a brief update and the Rector confirmed he attends regularly which had raised not only our profile but St Cuthbert's as well. St Cuthbert's were hosting the World Day of Prayer and we would be taking part in the Good Friday procession. We had hosted the service for Prayer for Christian Unity in January with great success.
- e. *Protection of Vulnerable Adults & Children*: Gwen Shaw (GS) had nothing to report. The booklets for Safeguarding for Children and Young People and Vulnerable people in Church were readily available in the church porch and would be on the new website. Judy Samways is now the coordinator for St Mary's.

7 Other Matters:

- a) Coffee after church: (GS) confirmed that this was being enthusiastically attended and that she had been able to contribute £56 to the Treasurer so far after some purchases had been made. (JB) noted that there had been some complaints about the use of polystyrene cups. Without adequate washing and storage facilities in the church that was not likely to change.
- b) Church Flower and Decorations Fund: it was agreed that money raised from coffee funds would help to contribute to the Flower fund.
- c) Sunday School 2nd April: the first Sunday School would take place during morning service on 2nd April, then on the first Sunday of the month afterwards. Drosty Tame would lead. **Agreed that (GS) would get the necessary PVG forms for disclosure.**
- d) Chalice Rota/Training: (SH) confirmed that he is still awaiting the go ahead, but to help until this was done others might help alleviate this duty from Grant and Nigel. (Neil Dyson, Tom Jones and Gwen Shaw)
- e) Memorial Concert for Muriel Rhodes: the date had now been agreed with Adrian Adler of Sunday 27th August at 7pm. Tickets £15 to include a glass of wine was suggested as a starting point. Planning can begin once Bob Reddaway returns in April
- f) Other concerts and fund-raising ideas: *St Andrew Day Service and beginning of Advent*; Thursday 30th November; an evening of music poetry prose and time for reflection; with a quartet (principle players of each section of Solway Sinfonia) and a glass of wine. *Harvest Festival Sunday 24th September*; (SH) was keen that we celebrated Harvest Festival as we were a rural community. The date chosen would not clash with the Church of Scotland one or their harvest lunch. We would offer a glass of wine in the Transept and if required the Rector could auction items brought in. **Agreed** that Patricia Oliver, Stephen and Hazel Hazlett and Gwen Shaw would plan the Festival. *Games & Social evening* (JB) suggested that a date in the first two weeks of May should be considered. He would book the Catholic Church Hall for an evening of quiz's and games; dingbats/bouncing table tennis balls/ skittles etc. GS agreed to give him the contact details for Mrs Calvert. *Rector & Mrs Hazlett summer Bring & Share BBQ* at the Rectory; date TBC.
- g) Notice Board update: Andy Campbell had been asked to expedite this repair in order to have it back on display ASAP.

8 Correspondence:

- a) Annual Synod of Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway Saturday 4th March. Report as noted by Lay Representative at 6 a)
- b) Faith in Older People Workshop Saturday 18th March: the Rector would be attending if anyone would like to go with him please let him know.
- c) Primus's Golf Trophy Competition on Wednesday 31st May; details noted.

9 **Art & Craft Trail dates are 4th – 7th August 2017.**

The Theme would be "Music, Books and Meditation in Greyfriars Church" the Pilgrim Trail would be available on Friday, Saturday and Monday mornings between 10am – 12noon. **Friday 4th** Vanessa Martin would be asked if her Choir could sing in the 2pm – 4pm slot: **Saturday 5th** Diane Stafford the harpist and her choir would take the 2pm – 4pm slot and on **Sunday 6th** Solway Sinfonia as a quartet or quintet would perform and books would be set out on the pews between 2pm – 4pm: we would ask for donations; refreshments would be arranged and a roster of helpers arranged. **Monday 7th** The Pilgrim Trail only.

10 **A.O.C.B:**

- Mention was made of the Rector visiting Moira and Keith Stacey
- The Dean's visit will take place on Thursday 30th March.
- Spring clean of the church also on Thursday 23rd March at 11.30am.
- Sunday 10th December; an afternoon of Nine Lessons and Carols performed by the KBT Academy Choir at 4pm.
- The Rector has taken over the organization of the Organist from Grant Oliver (GO) and there is the possibility of an addition to the regular team. There was also discussion about the long term replacement of the current organ.

11 **Prayer:** the meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and the Grace at 9.10pm.