

Cornerstone Church Elders and Non Elders Trustees Meeting

Minutes

Approved by Trustees
on 21/12/2020
M.R. Walton

Date and time of meeting: 30.11.2020 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mike Walton, Les Brock, Felix Norman Williams, Karl and Paula Newman, Dawn Jessup and Eileen Kelly.

Where: Via Zoom Room

1. Meeting opened in prayer

2. Apologies for absence

None

3. Declaration of interest:

Mike is a trustee at St Pauls Church Harold Hill, The East London and Essex Good Stewards Trust and is on the Council of Reference for ICB.

Les is a trustee for Tullett Prebon pension scheme.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

We reviewed 3 sets of minutes.

Those from the 16.11.20. Were agreed correct, proposed by Les and seconded by Karl.

The minutes regarding the email discussion on the 25.11.20 approved, proposed by Paula and seconded by Felix.

The minutes of the members of the charity zoom meeting approved, proposed by Les and seconded by Karl.

5. Matters arising from the previous minutes

Eileen and Les gave feedback from the reform Chelmsford synod meeting.



6. Church Family

Update on church family needs

7. Safeguarding

Dawn has filled in the relevant papers for swapping her role with Elaine, and has sent the forms to 31:8.

Dawn will be doing the basic safeguarding training run by 31:8 at a cost of £40.00.

They also a run a trustee training course which all the trustees may have to take, Dawn will let us know further details.

8. Church Membership

Mike has proposed a draft church membership document, which was reviewed and discussed. We plan to have two categories of membership, that of 'friends' and 'members' of Cornerstone church. There may also be some kind of 'membership course' that we will ask new folk to undertake. Mike will be forwarding an amended draft document out for discussion.

9. Employing a Minister

Les has produced a draft contract for the pastor, which was reviewed.

We plan for 15 hours a week in the first instance as this is what we can afford, (this is in line with the minimum living wage.)

Plan to include our AMIE Bishop in the grievance process.

Les will forward the final draft out for approval.

Discussion regarding how to pay the money donated specifically for our pastors salary, it was decided to pay it via our charity account, and cornerstone church will pay the relevant National insurance incurred so our Pastor is not adversely affected.

Paula will contact stewardship to enquire about accessing capital from ICB now that we have the contract and our charity number.

10. COVID Update

New guidelines say that we can sing outside church premises during the Christmas period. These guidelines also allow groups of up to 6 people to chat together in the church grounds.

Discussion was had about the carol service on the 20th December whether to hold it outside, however due to concerns about poor weather we have agreed to continue with the plans to hold it via zoom.



On Christmas morning we will go outside for the final hymn so we can all sing.

We will resume our services at Woodside on the 06.12. Plus zoom for those who are at home.

We will have communion on Sunday 13.12.

On Sunday 03.01 21, Mike is away, Les will preach and Karl will lead, but we need to confirm who is doing the technology.

11. Finance

Paula has been looking at different banks regarding opening our bank account, unfortunately, due to the current Covid-19 situation many high street banks are not taking on new charity accounts, so our choice is limited. After discussion we are going to open our account with Yorkshire bank,

12. AOB

Mike reiterated his thanks to the Elders and trustees leadership group for their work in getting Cornerstone registered as a charity.

Jill has been doing a zoom bible study on Sunday's, during advent, for her Godchildren. We discussed the possibility of rolling this out to other families but it was felt that it was not practical.

13. Date of the next meeting

21.12.2020 at 730.

14. Close with Prayer

