

Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway
Bergen Congregation Committee

Minutes, meeting on Monday 20 February 2017

Present: Kirk, Laura, Eirik, Roger, Norah, Ana, Janine, Iris, Susan, Rosemary

Apologies: [??]

Pastoral Issues

- a. Safeguarding. Everyone on the committee must get the first level of the safeguarding process; several members have completed it. In May there will be the opportunity to get the second level, which includes 8 hours face-to-face meeting, although Kirk, Eirik, Iris, and Nora are the only people who are required to attend.
2. The Porvoo Conference is coming up from 25-27 Feb. There will be a joint evening service with BDM on Sunday Feb. 26, after which we will host a finger-food reception in Mariastuen. A Monday Feb. 27 evening prayer service will be officiated by the archbishop of Ireland, and the first ever joint Ash Wednesday service will be held on Mar. 1 in Mariakirke.
3. For the Lent study, 12 people have signed up, following a book by Rowan Williams. The study will meet on Mondays with soup supper, discussion, and a compline service.

Business Issues

4. Financial report. The Budget for 2017 still in progress with Eirik and Kirk. We concluded that yes, it is still worth having a budget for the coming year, and Eirik will add a separate line item for church rental costs specifically, as well as another line item for money to Oslo (10,000 per year). There was a clarification that if you donate directly to the Oslo chaplaincy, you don't pay taxes on that because it is a registered charity. For the next committee meeting, Eirik asked the committee members to come with concrete ideas for fundraisers and specific people who might lead them.
5. The Vicarage was sold on 1 Feb 2017 to much relief. The final price was 2.735.000 kr. We all thanked Eirik for his hard work. He will pass around a list of the items remaining to be sold.
6. Hymnal donation update: we are waiting to hear from Penny about bookplates.
7. Directory is coming soon; Laura has completed most of the updates.
8. Congregational choir: Kirk proposed the idea of a congregational choir that could be open to anyone and sing in services occasionally, perhaps a few times a year. This was thought a good idea. However, it needs a leader and/or a pianist. Rosemary would be willing to lead if somebody else could play the piano.

Other business:

- a. Roger will make more of those little info cards to hand out.
- b. We need more chairs for Sunday school.
- c. We thanked Nora for her great work with the Sunday school.

Next meeting: Monday 20 March 2017.

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