

Anglican Chaplaincy in Norway
Minutes Bergen Congregation Committee Meeting 20.03.20017

Apologies:

Laura

Present:

Kirk, Eirik, Janine Iris, Ana, Astrid, Norah, Roger

Minutes of 20.02.17 were approved

Pastoral Issues:

1. Holy Week:

Kirk will hold two special services during Holy Week.

A Maundy Thursday foot washing/communion service in Mariastue at 18.00 and a Good Friday Tenebrae service in Mariakirke at 11:00. Roger will try to find an organist for the Good Friday service.

2. Evensong Service:

Kirk proposed having an Evensong service on May 14 at 18.00. This was due to the Norwegian congregation needing the 11:00 time slot for confirmations on Sunday morning. Kirk suggested that Laura be asked to invite members of the small choir to participate and support church members in the singing of Evensong.

3. Welcoming newcomers:

Kirk suggested a gathering to welcome newcomers be held after the Sunday service at Pentecost June 4, or possibly another date. Kirk will begin to work with the schedules of newcomers, and further preparations will be made once a date is set.

Business Issues:

4. Financial report January - March

Financial Report:

There were three handouts: the standard Bergen Accounts, a draft of expected income and expenses for 2017, and finally, the spreadsheet of income and expenses so far this year. An overview of the Bergen Accounts was presented. With 25% of the year gone by, our income has been almost 34,000 kr and expenses just over 21,000. This is an unusually strong start for the year, reflecting a growing number of regular church members. On the expense side, we were still paying various bills for the vicarage, esp. electricity. These ended on the 1st of March, when the flat was turned over to the new owners. No other unusual expenses have come in. The spreadsheet for 2017 to date was discussed. The spreadsheet columns correspond with the various horizontal income and expense lines in the Bergen Accounts. The spreadsheet automatically updates the Accounts sheet.

a. Annual Budget 2017:

A draft budget for 2017 was prepared together with Revd Weisz. The challenge was to estimate upcoming expenses, as the 2016 expenses, dominated by locum and vicarage expenses, are not applicable this year. Also, this year we return to the former custom of paying the church rent from Bergen. Rent is fixed at 6,500/month, or kr 78,000/year. Residual vicarage expenses in 2017 totaled approximately kr 10,000. This year we also begin budgeting kr. 10,000 each year to be paid to the Chaplaincy for expenses incurred on our behalf. The committee members were requested to go over the submitted documents. At the next meeting, a budget to be presented at the AGM will be finalized.

b. Fundraising:

Fundraising is an issue brought up each year, but usually too late in the year and with no one willing to take a leading roll in the suggested efforts. At the last meeting Eirik asked members to come with suggestions coupled with names of who is willing to lead. The following suggestions and names were offered:

Note cards with photos of Mariakirken- Eirik

New cook book- Ana

Fundraising dinner- Astrid

Beetle drive- Iris

Litter Collection- Janine

Janine also suggested that the church has some form of internet payment scheme feks. Vipps, and Roger Martin cautioned that fundraising by-and-large should be focused on outsiders. Eirik will be overall coordinator for fundraising.

5. Directory update:

Kirk reported that Randolph and Laura continue to make progress on the Directory of Church members. A report on the directory was tabled to the next meeting due to the absence of Laura.

Any Other Business

A date for the AGM needs to be set sometime in May after the Chaplaincy AGM in Oslo on April 23.

Upcoming Services:

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| Palm Sunday 9 April | 11.00 Eucharist-Revd. Kirk Weisz |
| MaundyThursday 13 April | 18.00 Mariastuen |
| Good Friday 14 April | 11.00 Eucharist |
| Easter Sunday 16 April | 11.00 Ecumenical Service with BDM |

Next meeting:

24th April at 19:00 in Mariastue

Meeting was closed with prayer.