

## Minutes of Church committee meeting

1 May 2017 at 19:00 at Mariastuen

### Apologies

Laura is indisposed and cannot attend; Astrid and Rosemary were also unable to attend.

### Approval of minutes of the last meeting

Unanimously approved

### Senior Chaplain vacancy

Kirk talked about the chaplaincy meeting on 5 April, led by the Archdeacon of northern Europe.

The main outcome of the meeting was that the meeting decided that the bishop would make the decision as to the appointment of the new senior chaplain. This was to a great extent a financial decision, as this moves the financial strain of the appointment to the bishop from the chaplaincy.

It was also decided that those involved in the appointment would be not exclusively Oslo wardens, but that one of the other branches should be involved. All chaplaincies unanimously chose Eirik as the person from outside Oslo. The other warden will be one of the Chaplaincy Churchwardens, either John Glazebrook or Gregory Norton. We all wish Eirik well on his involvement in the process.

### Safeguarding training

15 May 17–19:00 Mariastuen

16 May 16–20:00 Eirik's house

1. Kirk explains that he needs a projector and a screen. Roger can provide a projector and will look into providing a screen.
2. We need a person responsible for safeguarding. Anyone may contact this person if a safeguarding issue arises.

Kirk suggested that the details of this should be left until the next meeting.

### Evensong 14 May

Roger needs Laura's list of choir people so we can get in touch with them and ask if they can be involved. Roger can coach Kirk a little on the responses next Sunday. Kirk will arrange for a service sheet. Laura has the musical sheets.

### Newcomers' dinner

Kirk has put forward two Saturdays in June, and response has not made either of the dates the obvious choice. Barbara, Marianne, Winnie and Nigel, Shanay, Laurie and Sigurd, Natoya ... When Kirk hears from them and lands on a date, he will move forward on this. A Saturday at 16:00.

### AGM Sunday 7 May

Coffee/tea on arrival, start the AGM asap.

1. Kirk calls to order, opens with prayer
- 1b. Election of minute-taker for AGM
2. Church report [Kirk]
3. Music report [Roger]
4. Warden's report [Eirik]

5. Treasurer's report [Eirik]
6. Synod representative's report [Eirik]
7. Voting matters:

- a) Budget
- b) Election of one committee member (for Astrid)
- c) Nomination and election of synod representative (for Eirik)
- d) Nomination and election of Assistant Churchwarden (Eirik)

## 8. Closing prayer

### Business issues and financial report

1. Budget/accounts, as presented at the last meeting.

Eirik explained and everyone accepted the accounts.

The issue of distribution of funds raised by the Christmas raffle was brought up. The amount is less than in earlier years. We decided to make a contribution to Duncan and the White Nile congregation.

## **FUNDRAISING**

### Greetings cards

Eirik showed his suggestions for cards. There were discussions on some minor details (wording, placing of wording), and it was left to Eirik for further negotiations with BDM'

### Recipe books

Ana needs to know how many recipes we will include. She has investigated, but different firms have different prices. She would like to collect all recipes before the summer break.

### Litter collection

Janine has not heard anything, so was not particularly hopeful.

Janine also mentioned that Åge had suggested that we contact Sparebanken Vest about a contribution. Eirik will ask him if he is willing to look into this before the next application deadline, 1 April 2018.

### Book sale

Eirik has a lot of paperbacks at home getting musty. It was suggested that they could be transferred to the storage room at Mariastuen.

### Beetle drive

At coffee hour once a month? 28 May first time? Iris can organise it. It is fun and as such contributes to fellowship, but is also taking money from our own members. No, we will wait until August, when the weather is less enticing to spend time outside.

### Harvest festival

Can we make Harvest festival into a fundraising event?

Are we still going to have the December raffle?

Susan suggests that we need some major prizes. She knows of availability of travel tickets to Denmark and possibly London.

Something on the quayside, particularly when there are cruise ships in.

Collection box at entrance with notice asking for donations.

Kirk will check this with Brigitte.

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Is there anything we can do in this context? Two Sundays in September. Make sure we have visiting cards available for hotels at that time.

Committee meeting schedule

1. One shortly after the AGM: suggested
2. One in August.

AOB

Service 21 May with Kirk, some members in Balestrand.

Next committee meeting: 29 May in Mariastuen at 19:00.

Kirk ended by asking everyone to join in the Grace.

Minutes submitted by Roger in Astrid's absence.