



Charity Registration Number: NIC103862

Charity Name: Randalstown Meeting House

Annual General Meeting Minutes

20th October 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the Randalstown Meeting House was called to order at 8pm on 20th October 2022 in The Upper Room, The Meeting House.

Present

Trustees

Mr Aaron Bates

Mr Derek Young

Mr Oral Leith

Absent Mr John Laughlin

Elders

Mr George Bates

Absent Mr Sinclair Magee

Deacons

Mr Stephen Bates

Mr Thomas Morris

Absent Mr Robert Mitchell

Chairperson Mr Aaron Bates

Derek Opened the meeting in prayer.

Aaron read out the minutes from last year's meeting.

Covid precautions have now been relaxed with little testing required so protective shields have been removed, seats are still well spaces out and we are hoping to move them back into their correct position as soon as possible. Hand sanitiser is still available upon entry for the convenience of those wishing to use it and some signage and health and safety reminders are still in place.

Meetings have resumed to normal times again with both AM Breaking of Bread and PM Gospel meetings as well as Wednesday night Bible study and Friday night Prayer meetings all running again.

Sunday School is also running again, and the Church gives special thanks to Rachel for her willingness to help the ladies in the running of this.

The P A system and recording equipment is still needs updated, there was a company approached and an estimated cost of about £5000 given, however we have had no joy in trying to reach the company since to facilitate the installation, so we have contacted a new company, "Absolute Technologies" and are just waiting for them to come and give us a price. We are hoping to have this all up and running as soon as possible to enable us to record all meetings and have them on CD/DVD to send out to those unable to attend. While we await the new system Derek has supplied a personal voice recorder to allow some select meetings to be recorded and burned onto CDs for any wishing to receive a copy and the Church is very grateful for this.

The Monday night football outreach is still running with great numbers of young people in attendance.

All P.A.T testing is up to ~~date~~

All Fire Extinguishers will have their annual maintenance checks on Tuesday 25th October 2022.

There have been no leaks in the Church building since all the maintenance work was conducted and we have given Lennox Scott a contract to maintain all building and fencing work annually.

The buildings have all had a fresh paint and fences around the perimeter all inspected.

The 2022 Financial report was given out to the fellowship on Sunday 31st March 2022.

Unfortunately, the Fellowship Christmas Dinner will not be possible this year again.

C.E.F (Child Evangelical Fellowship) continue to be welcome to make use of the Church to hold any children's meetings or events as and when required and The Meeting House will be happy to cover any cost occurred.

All safeguarding policies and procedures have been updated and in place and we are awaiting dates for our designated safeguarding officers to do their refresher training, this will hopefully be done early in the New year.

We have discussed ideas to try and encourage higher numbers of young people in attendance and have decided to have Sunday school invitation leaflets printed and distributed alongside our Gospel invitations when the Meeting House Outreach team are next out in the community delivering the leaflets door to door.

George has had discussions with a local shop keeper who has informed him that he has a Bouncy Castle business also, so we hope to organise something for Children and young people in our car park space when the better weather comes round.

Thomas Morris has been appointed as a Deacon and the banking has been updated to allow him to be a signatory on cheques.

Next years AGM will take place on Thursday 5th October 2023.

George closed the meeting in prayer.

Meeting ended at 9.10pm

Minutes Submitted by Louise Morris Church Secretary

George Bates Oral Leith SRTS