

Extracts From:

Minutes of meeting of CMC – 15/05/24

The meeting was held in Dromore NSPCI.

This represents the Trustees Report for 2023

In attendance:

Rev John Herron – Chair

Very Rev Robert McKee

Mr Dennis Aylmer

Rev Alister Bell

Rev Lynda Kane

Rev Brian Moodie

Rt Rev Lena Cockcroft

Apologies:

Rev Dr Heather Walker

Mrs Mary Stewart

The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev John Herron.

- Rev Alister Bell proposed the minutes of the previous meeting in February & Mr Dennis Aylmer seconded.
- Members of the CMC were clarified, and it was agreed to forward minutes of this meeting to Rev Dr Walker & Mrs Mary Stewart. The option to co-opt others was affirmed.
- Rev Kane read a letter of resignation from Rev Roger McKee & the committee acknowledged his contributions & affirmed awareness of his current situation.

Rev Herron provided an update regarding finances:

- Accounts have been independently verified by Adrian Muir & sent to the Charities Commission for N.I. & response awaited.
- **(Insert 15/08/24) William Martin has re-examined the accounts and a second attempt has been made by W. Esler to ensure the 2023 accounts have been sent to the Charity Commission.**
- Current balance & investments clarified. Rev Herron explained he has been unable to get up-to-date info from 2 American based investments. He explained there is the potential to place all investments with M&G which may be more profitable.
- Expenses for attendance at GA by Rev Kane have been paid & Rev Herron acknowledged the detailed outline of expenditure provided.
- Rev Herron has submitted the CMC Synod report to the denominational clerk.

Update on current training:

- Rev Herron has received correspondence from Rev Bridget Spain regarding student Gavin Byrne. This included 2 references, namely Rev Dr Steers & Rev B Cockcroft. A letter has also been received from Rev Ant Howe from Unitarian college.
- This will be a 2yr course costing £12,000.
- Rt Rev L Cockcroft commended Gavin's magazine article on Easter and stated it had also been commended by rev Dr Steers.
- Approval for funding for Gavin's ministry training was unanimous.
- Gavin was formally accepted by Munster in February.

CMC members:

- Rev Herron will be stepping down as chair & treasurer at Synod. Very Rev McKee thanked Rev Herron for all his work, particularly in refining the financial affairs.
- Discussion re: possible treasurer replacements – Rev Kane to approach Cairncastle treasurer William (Billy) Esler who she felt may be in a position to undertake the role. Rev Herron assured it was neither a difficult nor time consuming role & was agreeable to chat with Billy if required.
- Rev Moodie was suggested as the next chair & was willing to accept this role – Very Rev McKee agreed to propose at Synod.
- Rev Bell has a copy of the 2014 report to Synod which outlines the remit of CMC and will bring a copy to the next meeting.

Date of next meeting was set for Wednesday 9th October 2024@ 7pm in Dromore Church Hall.

Mr Dennis Aylmer offered a note of thanks to Rev Moodie for the hospitality & to Rev Herron for all his contribution to CMC.

Rev Herron closed the meeting in prayer.

Minutes proposed by:

Minutes seconded by:

Date: