

Minutes of the Trustees Zoom Call 23/06/2019 5-7 pm

Present

Tim Read TR – Chair
Eddie Hartley – EH – Treasurer
Gillian Leonard-Schroder – GLS – Secretary
Andy Johnson – AJ
Joanna Hartl – JH
Huey Fisher - HF
Matthew Huish – MH – National Director

1. The prayer was said by MH.

2. Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared

3. Ratification of last minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 05/05/2019

4. AOB points

None

5. National Director's Report on FFWPU activities (MH)

MH – 28th April took members to Holy Trinity Leadership Conference. They had a very positive experience. It consisted mostly of young people.

We held family festivals in HQ and in South London – a bit chaotic in some respects, but we need to press forward with them.

The next Family Festival will be at HQ in Oct/Nov.

The Council of Communities was held in Derbyshire.

South London held a 1-day HARP workshop.

Dominic Hoyte is in Berlin doing UPF.

There was an INFORM seminar hosted by Eileen Barker which Joshua McGuigan and Peter Zöhrer attended.

The 40-day prayer condition resulted in a very successful CheonBo event in London on 15-16 June.

Today is the last day of the visit of the High Noon Team.

6. Treasurer's Report

EH – The audit is going well

Sylvia will be back at work on 1st July

7. Secretary's Report

GLS – The Annual Report is nearly finished. I only need Matthew to send me his report now.

Reports of Special Committees

9. Corporate Charity Status Special Committee Report (TR)

TR – Daniel Pollitt will look through our governance document.

Unfinished Business

10. [from 24/03/2019 agenda point] point of having a dedicated property manager (AJ)

AJ – We should review how we make money generally. For example, the Air Ambulance spend £ 650,000 on fundraising and bring in £4 million a year. They fundraise online. We desperately need a property manager as we don't know enough for example about getting grants.

TR – I have done something about this. We will discuss it later.

New Business

11. Scrutiny of runaway expenses Terry Sweeney [email 10/05/2019, 10:39] (TR)

EH – The expenses are not runaway although there may be some areas where savings can be made.

We could have a total review of what we do. We've added things like chaplaincy recently.

TR – Terry is not really correct.

12. Reviewing out Financial Policies (EH)

EH – I have invited Huey to have a look at this. We have introduced some new policies. Every cheque must have two signatures and all cash must be counted twice.

TR – We will send the new policy to the auditors.

13. Location of the Residential Workshop. Findings (AJ)

AJ – We looked at several options some sites are too close to houses.

We should build at CH and buy a plot of land from the farmer next door.

14. Properties Consultation: Finalisation needed

EH – The consultation period will last for two months. It is important to have the consultation and bring others into the discussion.

CH will soon be empty, so we can renovate it. AJ can look after it in the meantime.

The workshops could still run if the members look after it.

We could use the annual gathering for the consultation

MH – I am reluctant to use the annual gathering for the consultation.

TR – We can send it out to the communities.

Action Point: MH will give it to the pastors at tonight's prayer meeting.

Action Point: JH to send out a job description.

15. Residential w/s centre: Plan and Strategy needed

EH - We need a residential workshop centre.

In the meantime, we need a plan to operate CH. On 31st October the caretaker will be leaving.

The Finance Committee are not coping with CH.

We are not advertising it properly. We need to do it.

MH – We can't advertise it in its present state. We need to invest in it first.

16. Communications (e.g. Japanese sisters, property) (TR)

Communications officers should be present at all meetings so that wrong information is not passed on.

17. Renaming the FC and PIC – the Property and Investment Committee

The Finance Committee (FC) was re-named the Property and Investment Committee (PIC)

18. Legal advice regarding our position on the Blessing and how to avoid any legal issues regarding same-sex relationships. (MH) ["FFWPU statement on marriage and homosexuality" email thread Wed, 12 Jun, 19:19]

Our conclusion was not to make any public statement.

19. Report: "Scope of Work – FFWPU Property Consultation" (TR)

TR- spoke to his daughter-in-law who works for Oxfam. There is a certain process that you have to go through. Most charities and organisations do this in order to make decisions.

Consultancy process will be to interview members and ask questions about the spiritual and physical value that members attribute to the properties and pull the results together.

Action Point: TR to meet with MH, Simon R and his daughter-in-law.

AJ – It is a good idea to have a dedicated person to do that work.

We could ask Ben Denton if he knows anyone who could do this for us.

JH – We need a simple questionnaire for the members.

20. Email discipline (TR)

TR – When you want to change the subject, you need a new email with a new subject in the subject line.

When you create an email, only send it to your own committee and then send the decision to the rest of the trustees.

21. Trustees Report progress (GLS)

It will be ready by the end of the month.

22. Risk factors document (TR)

Action Point: TR to pull final version together and send it out to everyone to look through in one session.

23. AOB

AJ - We should be more involved in society.

24. Next Meeting

18th August 2019