

Minutes of the Trustees Meeting 04/01/2020

Participants

Tim Read – TR – Chair
Huey Fisher – HF – Treasurer
Eddie Hartley – EH (on conference call due to a cold)
Gillian Schroder – GS – Secretary
Andy Johnson – AJ
Joanna Hartl – JH
Michael Balcomb – MB – National Director
Matthew Huish – MH – Deputy National Director

01. Prayer (TR)

TR offered the opening prayer

02. Declaration of any interests

Nobody had any interests to declare.

03. Ratify the last minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 17/11/2019 were ratified.

MB – the minutes should be sent within 2 weeks of the meeting and everybody should agree them by email within two weeks of that so that they are ready to be ratified at the next meeting.

04. AOB points for the end

1) True Mother's visit

Cleeve House parking and signage
to be discussed at the next meeting.

05. National Director's Report (MB, MH)

Proposed leadership structure going forward and the roles of different bodies such as President's leadership team, National Council (being reformulated as a management team), Council of Communities and the FFWPU trustees themselves.

MB – We have been trying to curtail our overseas travel in order to be more present here in the UK. However, we have recently travelled to Albania, UAE, Israel, Moscow, the Clergy Leadership Conference in New York.

Almost 40 people went from the UK to New York and the event was a success for several reasons. The Earles brought 10 pastors. The response of the clergy was very positive.

I asked True Mother to visit Europe – UK, France, Germany and Italy and she has accepted.

Next weekend there will be a Regional Leaders Meeting in LH. Trustees may attend if they wish.

There will be a CoC meeting on the weekend of 18/19 January in High Lea which will include the 2nd Providential meeting on the Saturday morning.

On 26th January there will be a meeting in advance of the World Summit for Regional Chairs and a meeting for core staff on Tuesday at 10am.

MH – Jonathan Hoyte has been asked to join the CheonBo team.

There was a HARP winter workshop with nearly 60 participants.

Reports of officers, boards and standing committees:

06. Treasurer's report (HF)

HF gave a summary of the accounts for 2019.

HF – At the end of the year, we predict a surplus of £36,650.

MB – It would help if there were numbered pages and gridlines on the spreadsheets of the accounts.

MB – We are paying the TV licences for the tenants. They should be paying their own TV licences.

HF – As new tenants come on board, they will not have their TV licences paid.

HF – I spoke to Sylvia after the last trustees meeting and she has agreed to continue to work for us.

HF – I attended the recent National Council budget meeting.

If a department needs a budget, they need to fill out a budget request template and an Impact Report.

MB – there is still £68,000 left over from the June CheonBo event.

10% of the CheonBo money should be sent to Korea as a tithe, 20% is for the CheonBo staff salaries and 70% of the rest should stay in the UK.

The Cheon Il Guk embassy in Albania will receive support.

HF – we are planning to have a training session for regional accountants. Cecilie will support HF in organising this.

NN handles our accounts at the moment, but they do not answer our queries. They have had our business since 2016. We should shop around for another accountant.

HF – the trustees liability insurance covers us for £500,000. This is not enough. I spoke to Tom O’Connell and he received quotations. To raise it to £1,000,000 would cost an extra £139 per year and to raise it to £5,000,000 would cost an extra £685 per year.

All of our insurances expire in March, so we need to review them.

Action Point: HF to check out alternative insurance cover for all of our insurance policies.

TR – the Charities Commission Report should tell us what level of cover other charities have.

HF – Our HMO licence which cost £7,000 and which lasted for 5 years will also expire soon.

Action Point: HF to ask Westminster Council if they agree to have 2 signatories represent us. If they do, then it does not matter if we change the trustees.

MB – We can request to receive the budget proposal by a certain date ie the end of February.

Action Point: there should be a meeting between MH, Robin Marsh, MB and HF to discuss the UPF budget.

07. Secretary's report (GS)

I will start to put the Annual Report together.

TR – the next Annual Report should be aimed at non FFWPU members.

GS – I sent the minutes of the meeting of 20th October 2019 to everyone, but they have not been ratified yet. I will re-send them.

Action Point: GS to re-send minutes of 20th October 2019 so that everyone can read them and ratify them.

Reports of special committees:

08. Corporate charity status special committee (on hold) (TR)

This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

09. Cleeve management group (AJ, JH, Bernard Chellew)

JH – People want to know if they can still use CH.

There is a problem with the bank account. They will not speak to me because I am not a signatory. Carlo is not around at the moment.

BREAK (10 minutes)

10. Property Committee to oversee change: (see Terms of Reference v2.1 attached) (TR)

TR –I want to set up a small working committee. It will consist of HF, AJ, Simon Rosselli, Alex Fortune, Terry Sweeney, Mike Balcomb and perhaps Sonja.

Action Point: MB and MH to discuss with TR about creating this new committee. They will call TR soon.

AJ – the problem is the lack of expertise. We need to have a professional on board.

TR – I have drawn up some terms of reference.

MB – we should be preparing an overview of the present situation for True Mother so that she feels that she has been informed. Then we can let her know what we would like to do as the next step. I can raise this topic in 3 weeks' time when I see True Mother.

MB – there will come a point when we will need professional help.

MB – we also need to reorganise the corporate structure.

Unfinished business:

Action points from the last meeting:

11. Update on draft contract for Cleeve Staff (JH)

JH – the draft contract which I drew up for CH included tied accommodation. This has not been included in the contracts for LH and Keiko de Giles at the farm.

JH – I am in the process of preparing a legal document. Sylvia asked NN for assistance with this, but there has as yet been no reply.

MH – I spoke to Julian. He says that his situation is not sustainable and that he needs to get some additional form of income.

MB – this is a 3-month trial. If it isn't working ...

TR – MB and MH and the new committee needs to decide whether to roll on the 3-month trial or not.

12. Issues arising from Lancaster Gate tenants and proposed solutions (see also report on Steve Buckley.docx attached) (TR)

TR - Daniel Pollitt and I met with Peter Stephenson. It was a very positive meeting in which he agreed to make a retraction. He agreed to move out of LG soon with a reference from me. He will pay us his rent arrears.

TR – we will install new cameras in the corridors, make an updated tenancy agreement to make it a breach if contract if immoral acts are taking place as defined by that agreement, and put a new locking system on the main door

Motion by TR that we give him a good reference providing Peter Stevenson moves out of LG, and he makes a retraction

Seconded by AJ
Adopted unanimously

Motion by TR – with regard to Steve Buckley, we should not contact him, but if he contacts us, we should invite him to a similar meeting that we held with Peter Stevenson and invite David Franklin and Grant Miller to participate. AJ should not be involved.

Seconded by HF
Adopted by majority
AJ abstained.

New business:

13. National Director's Agenda Points:

i. True Mother's expectation of Britain to contribute to the World Providence, both financially and in other ways (such as education, publications, etc) Add quantitative details, goals.

MB – TM has just finished a 7-year course from the time of the Seung Hwa to Foundation Day next month. The next 7-year course will take True Mother to 84

years old. In this 7 year period, TM wants to make the condition for all nations of the world to accept True Father. This nation should serve the commonwealth nations.

TM will come to the UK this year. We need 100 new members and 10,000 blessed couples.

The UPF board and our board could be a way of allowing people to work with our movement.

MH – many young people worked with the movement last year creating a much better culture.

MH - An Online education system is needed so that we can bless 10,000 couples meaningfully.

ii. Managing the Asset portfolio to achieve an acceptable rate of return. Review of findings of PIC and deciding on a recommendation for True Mother.

MB – FFWPU's assets can generate income that can grow the movement here and contribute to the world providence.

iii. Creating a development (institutional fundraising) team.

iv. Draft calendar of activities for 2020

vii. Constitution of the Board: a proposal that the SubRegional Leader is appointed to the Board ex officio.

MH – the sub regional leader should be appointed to the board of trustees ex officio.

viii. Discussion of expected roles of the Trustees, frequency of meetings, etc.

MB –meetings should only be held quarterly as a general rule.

viii. The Masters

MB - We need to support the Masters.

Motion byTR that MB and MH look into the needs of the Masters.

Adopted unanimously.

Action Point: EH to look up his old notes about how other charities take care of their older pioneers.

14. AOB

1) True Mother's visit

MB - TM will come to the UK in June this year. What makes an impact in Britain isn't to hire Wembley Stadium, but to act in a more subtle way.

15. Next meeting

Saturday 29th February at 3pm