

## St Barnabas Church Linthorpe

### Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 7.15pm in the Reid Room

23 Members were present at the meeting.

#### 1. Worship

Psalm 13 was read together. Erik asked if any of us had felt as though the Lord had been far away from us. The theme is one of transition from anger towards God to trust and praise of Him. Had we wrestled with despair like the psalmist but in the end trusted in Him and praised Him?

We are to be ourselves and open with God- and by this God will bring us to another place with Him.

The PCC spent time in sung worship and prayer.

#### 2. Apologies for absence

All members were present.

#### 3. Minutes of the meeting of 6th February 2017

There were no amendments.

Erik proposed that the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017, seconded by Allison Ward, 21 in favour.

#### 4. Matters arising

##### **a) Linden Grove**

Anya Heywood reported that she had been in discussion with a person from the James Cook Hospital who was prepared to put the details of the house on the hospital Intranet.

**ACTION: Alistair Bolton and Anya**

##### **b) Community Garden (draft plans circulated)**

Sam Tyndall had spoken to MEC (Middlesbrough Environment City) for advice and presented a draft of the layout and plans of the garden to the PCC. These will be kept on file.

Sam proposed that the PCC agreed that he would apply for a faculty and any necessary planning on the community garden proposal of option 1 on page 3 and the elevation on page 9 of the community garden plans. This was seconded by Kim Hunt and all were unanimous.

**ACTION: Sam**

## **5. Correspondence**

Two letters had been received from the Archdeacon of the East Riding – The Venerable Andy Broom.

The first was a reminder to PCC to communicate to anyone considering standing for the PCC that all PCC members will be required to complete not only a Confidential Declaration form but also to complete a DBS check.

It was agreed to inform Barbara Edwards (Church Administrator) to note this on the list of PCC candidates for the APCM to make everyone aware.

**ACTION: Mel Downs and Barbara**

The second letter accompanied leaflets about the Deanery Synod Elections.

## **6. Vicar's remarks**

Erik asked the PCC to support the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church events. The next one will be John Archer on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Hub meeting drew 26 interested people and out of that there will be 6 people to form the core group. The PCC have been encouraged to pray about this new event.

**ACTION: All PCC members**

The Alpha course has started with 11 people attending. The films are very good with excellent teaching.

## **7. Facilities Management Committee report (circulated)**

Alistair presented the report. Copies were circulated at the meeting and are kept on file.

Thanks were expressed to Nigel Fletcher for taking over the role of Health and Safety Officer for the church. Maurice Palmer will be written to by Erik to express our thanks for the work that he has done in the role over the years.

**ACTION: Erik**

## **8. Ministry Leader report**

Kim presented her report as Ministry Leader for Service. She gave a comprehensive overview of how the various groups are working. The PCC were encouraged by the number of groups that are serving in the church. One of the outcomes of her review is that the groups will plan to meet to pray together three times a year.

It was suggested that each Ministry Leader could write a short introduction to their role in the APCM Booklet before their individual groups present their own reports.

**ACTION: Mel and Barbara**

## **9. Arrangements for the APCM**

Hugo Pollack the Church treasurer attended the meeting at 7.55pm and presented the Statement of financial activities and the balance sheet for the year ending 31 December 2016.

The complete audited accounts had been received by all PCC members in advance of the meeting. Questions were taken.

Erik proposed that the PCC approved the audited accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. This was seconded by Alistair and all were unanimous.

Erik signed the accounts on behalf of the Trustees.

The PCC expressed their thanks for the work that Hugo undertakes to keep the church finances in order.

Account papers will be produced for the APCM.

**ACTION: Hugo and Barbara**

Erik clarified that there will be elections for 2 Churchwardens, 3 PCC members and 4 Deanery Synod members.

Thanks were expressed to those PCC members who have served their term.

Alistair asked PCC members to encourage members of the congregation to serve as sidespeople and welcomers, as they serve important roles.

Naomi Smith asked if references to Rachel Grandey's place of work can be removed from any public documentation and replaced with South East Asia.

**ACTION: Barbara**

## **10. Date of next meetings.**

APCM Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

PCC meeting Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

## **11. AOB**

Ali Ward will clarify the position of the DBS checks for PCC members with Andy Broom and Barbara Edwards.

## **12. Prayer and the saying of the Grace.**

The meeting ended at 8.55pm