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Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017 7.15pm in the Reid Room

21 Members were present at the meeting.

1. Worship

Psalm 145 was read together. Erik stated that this was a psalm telling us of the Lord's goodness for all of us. Every generation is mentioned. His promises to us are described as a broad sweep and they are on a grand scale. God is not distant or remote to us, however. He is here. The psalmist draws us into his praise by beginning with his own praise and then encourages others (us) to praise this great God ourselves.

The PCC spent time in sung worship and prayer.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Nigel Fletcher, Tessa Stephens and Carol Harrison.

3. Minutes of the meeting of 7th November 2016

There were two spelling amendments on item 5.

'Sowing Seeds' and 'Tearfund'.

Erik proposed that with these amendments the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting of 7th November 2016, seconded by Graeme Malyon, 14 in favour and 5 abstentions.

4. Matters arising

a) Associate Minister (see agenda item)

b) Raffles and tombolas (see agenda item)

c) Communion administrators.

Erik informed us that approval had been granted for the communion administrators.

d) Linden Grove.

After discussion it was agreed that the property would be available for short term let. The PCC would prefer not to use commercial lets and to find their own tenants. Anya Heywood suggested that the James Cook University Hospital were contacted as they are often looking for houses for their professional staff.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence has been received from:

- i) Shirley Davies Assistant Diocesan Secretary informing us of the business of the Diocesan Synod, Boards and Committees. Erik informed us that St Barnabas Church has four representatives, the largest number of lay representatives on the Deanery Synod.
- ii) David Gee Chair of Boro Angels thanking the PCC for our donation towards their work.

6. Vicar's remarks

Erik reported on the meeting with Sheila Barker and Naomi Smith regarding the provision of music in the church for the morning and evening services. Sheila is planning to retire in February 2018. Erik reminded us that resources are stretched especially when our musicians leave Middlesbrough to continue their education. The staff team will work with Naomi to consider changes to the evening service pattern, for example with keyboard only once a month and not a full worship band or possibly a more contemplative service.

A huge thank you was given by the PCC to Sheila and Naomi for all their hard work over the Christmas period and also for their continuing work throughout the year.

Pauline Barwick asked if the time had come again for there to be a paid post for a Church Music Director. Erik responded that this may be something the PCC will have to address in the future.

7. Facilities Management Committee report (circulated)

Spelling correction noted: 'Faculty application for new floor to side chapel'.

Alistair Bolton presented the report and a copy is enclosed for the minutes.

He informed the PCC that the Organ restoration is on course to be completed by Easter 2017.

8. Accounts for 2016 and budget for 2017 (circulated)

Hugo Pollak (treasurer) joined the meeting at 7.40pm. Hugo presented the reports and explained the recent amendments to the figures. A discussion followed and Alistair stated on behalf of the Facilities Management Group that they would prioritise their tasks for the coming year in view of the budget. Kate Morris asked if there would be an 'Organ maintenance fund 'in future budgets. Hugo said that there had been up till now and that this would continue.

Alistair proposed that the PCC approved the budget for 2017, this was seconded by Kate and all were in favour.

The PCC showed their appreciation for the work that Hugo had done for the church accounts over the last 10 years. Hugo has announced his intention to step down from the role following this year's APCM. Erik asked PCC members to consider who might become our next Treasurer.

9. Associate Minister for Evangelism

Erik reflected on the prayer day that Pauline had organised at the end of 2016. The overall summary of the comments from church members was that we already have the gifts in the church and we should get on with the work to be done.

Discussion followed and it was agreed that this is not the time for an Associate Minister.

Erik will inform Hugo so he can share this news with the church members who have pledged money for the Associate Minister fund.

ACTION: Erik

11 (taken out of order). Policy on raffles and tombolas for those who hire the church or hall

Erik informed us that he had carefully considered the proposal to write a letter to church users.

He decided this was not the right course of action.

Discussion followed and the PCC agreed that the Policy for Church users would not change.

Ewan Steele asked that all church groups would be given a copy of the policy so it can be adhered to.

ACTION: Church wardens

10. Ministry Leader Report – evangelism

Nina Jeal joined the meeting at 8.50pm.

Nina presented her report from 2016 and discussion followed.

It was agreed that in view of the decision not to employ an Associate Minister at this time the Hub event would still go ahead. Erik and Nina and the team will arrange a meeting to clarify the arrangements before advertising for interested helpers within the church.

Thanks were expressed to Nina for her work within this role.

ACTION: Erik

12. Toddler group Constitution

Lauren Steele joined the meeting at 9.40pm.

Lauren presented her report and circulated the updated Constitution and Team Role descriptions.

Discussion followed but due to the lateness of the hour it was agreed that Ali Ward and Lauren would meet together to discuss the reports in full. The agenda item will be brought back to the next meeting.

The PCC's appreciation was expressed to Lauren for the work that she had done for the Toddler group.

ACTION: Ali and Lauren

13. Community Garden (proposal circulated)

In view of the lateness of the hour Sam Tyndall asked that the PCC members would send him any comments on the proposal by email and the matter would be added to the agenda at the next PCC meeting.

Sheila informed the PCC that Keith Barker had already made enquiries about insurance for the scheme and had been informed that a faculty would have to be applied for. Alistair also pointed out that the area in front of the church is part of a conservation area and therefore any change would also require planning permission.

ACTION: PCC members

14. AOB

Erik expressed thanks to Neill Burgess for all his contributions to St Barnabas church over many years especially with the church's 5 year plan of restructuring and vision. This is Neill's last PCC meeting. The PCC showed their appreciation.

Erik asked that the PCC would meet on the 6th February 2017. Mel Downs will inform all members.

ACTION: Mel

15. Prayer and the saying of the Grace.

The meeting ended at 10pm