Minutes of Springfield PCC meeting

22nd May 2023 7.45pm @ St Paul's Church, Roundshaw

Present: Tim Samuel (chair), David Atkinson, Sarah Miller, Roger Brodie, Mike Cushion, Dave Foulkes, David Silcock, Janet Downham, Cathy Brearley, Kathryn Schofield, Mel Wynn, Rob Downer, Kitty Olulari, Grace Davies, Jenny de Rougemont, Nigel Elderkin (secretary)

1. Welcome

Tim welcomed everyone and prayed

2. Apologies

None

3. Worship

David led using the song 'Shepherd'

4. Notice of AOB None

5. Testimonies

Council shared stories of how they had seen God at work recently in their lives.

6. Matters Arising not dealt with elsewhere

i) Minutes from the May meeting accepted by council vote on 04.06.2023

7. Understanding the role of the PCC

David led a discussion covering church organisation & direction and the PCCs role in that, flagging that the Standing Committee was a good place to be sharing/considering ideas prior to them being brought to the PCC. He pointed out that we are a family doing business with each other in meetings, so need to show mutual respect. Once agreed, minutes are open to all the church to see, unless (for example) there are personal or confidential details that would be redacted from the public version. The PCC are representative of the whole church family, so all please do contribute and reflect information/input in both directions! Once a decision has been reached, members should respect this and not undermine it outside the meeting- though being able to feedback that there may have been "robust discussions", but the decision was a collective one.

We agreed we would publish additional photos of the new PCC members on the website, and a whole of PCC display on our notice board at St Paul's.

8. Electing PCC officers (and co-opting roles)

Secretary Nigel Elderkin

Treasurer vacant

Treasurers deputies Peter Devitt (until handover) co-opt

Russell Warren (after handover) co-opt Angela Baker payroll co-opt Jim Dimmock giving co-opt

Staff rep & Safeguarding Chair Sarah Miller

Chair Tim Samuel (while in vacancy)
Deputy Chair Cathy Brearley (while in vacancy)

Accepting these people should hold these roles:

Proposed Mel Wynn, seconded Kitty Olulari, nem con

9. Finance 2023 report

We are in the process of transitioning to a new software package, Xero, which should make the accounts process much easier.

Our regular giving is down slightly, leading to a £5,104 shortfall to date this year. We will be sharing the reason we have set a negative budget with the congregation as part of our coming series of talks and also when we have a gift day later in the year. Many thanks again to Peter for his continued hard work as he finally looks to hand over his role.

10. Safeguarding Update

20 volunteers have completed refresher training, Caitlyn has completed the leadership training while Jennie Nash and Lydia Ruck have completed their Volunteer Agreements.

11. Seeking a new minister

The process is ongoing with an opportunity for the whole church to support it with prayer and fasting on Tuesday & Wednesday.

12. AOB

It was proposed that all PCC members be eligible to serve at communion Proposed Tim Samuel, seconded Dave Foulkes, agreed nem con.

The situation at Soul Survivor would be mentioned in this week's email to help draw out/gauge what further support might be needed.

Next meeting, it would be good to have an agenda item for Fair Trade.

13. Closing Prayer

Roger Brodie closed the meeting in prayer

Dates of future meetings: (David will draw up a list for worship leaders at future meetings)

July 17 PCC Worship Sep 25 PCC

Nov 20 PCC