

Minutes of the AGM Tuesday March 18th 2025 7-30 pm

Present Rev Vanessa Hollingworth, 14 members and 2 non-members

Apologies 10

Vanessa opened the meeting by reading Psalm 126 + verse 1 of psalm 127 and prayer.

The minutes of the March 2024 AGM were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Finance

Christine explained that because we had to find a new auditor for the 2024 finance statement that it had not been signed off in time to be presented at this meeting. Christine then gave an outline of the statement which she hoped to bring to the next church meeting. We will require more money as we have appointed a new minister and also will no longer be receiving rent for the manse. Elsie will be paid two thirds of the 2025 stipend set by EMBA. Les's contract will need to be renewed for July. Thanks are recorded to both Janet and Christine for all their work in looking after the church finance. Paul is going to look into finding a cheaper supplier for our church gas and electricity.

Manse

Elsie has paid for some of the paint for the manse and also bought new curtains and had the carpets cleaned.

Church Computer

Les presented the cost to replace the church computer with an Apple Mac one. After some discussion and a suggestion from Tony that maybe a Windows one could be more suitable. Vanessa suggested that cost comparisons options be sought. Also to talk with Elsie to see what would match up with hers and then take back to the deacons.

Birthday Scheme

Allan Child has offered to take on the BMS birthday scheme.

Someone is needed to take on the position of Safe Guarding Officer.

Reports were read out from Janet for finance and caring group, Tony tranquility café, David property group and Sandra secretaries church report.

Some of the church guttering needs replacing. The manse had been left in a dirty state. The kitchen will need to be replaced sometime in the not-too-distant future and also the fridge is not usable. We need to look into a laminated floor for the hall and toilet. New carpets are needed for the stairs and bathroom.

Les

Vanessa thanked Les for all the work he does for the church and asked that we continued to support him.

Membership and Baptism

Janet proposed on behalf of the deacons that Stephen McGill be received into membership and also baptised. This will take place when Elsie takes over as minister.

Induction service.

Elsie's induction service will take place on Saturday April 5th 2 pm. Vanessa will lead the service and Jane Day as been invited to preach.

Janet then presented Vanessa with a card and cheque and also some flowers.

Vanessa then closed the meeting with prayer.

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Date -----