MINUTES OF THE CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN

ST MARGARET’S CHURCH ON 8 DECEMBER 2015

PRESENT: D. Frost, P. Savill and M. Scott

IN ATTENDANCE: Revd C. Parkes

APOLOGIES: H. Taylor and C. Renowden

In opening the meeting M Scott welcomed Revd Celia Parkes – Vicar of St Margaret’s Church. The main reason for inviting Revd Celia to the meeting was to share details of our planned activities and to ask her if there were any constraints with regard to the use of the church other than worship. The purpose and remit of the Support Group was explained and a copy of the Support Group’s constitution is to be given to Revd Celia.

1. NOTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER

These were agreed as a correct record. Matters arising were:

(i) Finances - St Margaret’s Church. Revd Celia informed the committee that Archdeacon David Lomas had been invited to attend the next PCC meeting to discuss St Margaret’s financial shortfall and options to address this problem.

(ii) St Margaret’s Church Bazaar. Feedback received to date suggests the bazaar was a success and approximately £1,000 had been raised for church funds.

(iii) Church improvements - Simon Upton (PCC member with the lead for church fabric) is aware of the Support Group’s offer of help with church improvements.

(iv) Churchyard - D. Frost had secured and made safe the leaning headstone.

(v) Committee Membership – Claire Renowden (St Margaret’s Church Warden) has agreed to be the PCC representative on the Support Group committee.

(vi) Publicity – Adding a Support Group information page to the Margaretting Community website is still on the list of things to do. **ACTION: P. SAVILL AND M. SCOTT**

2. FINANCES – ST MARGARET’S CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP

One more member has joined since the last meeting. We now have £1,245 in the bank account.

3. FUND RAISING EVENTS

Arrangements for the following events to be held in the church were discussed.

(a) Art exhibition/Art demonstration

Jennie Scott and Susan Keeble have agreed to organise this event.

Event to take place in the summer. **ACTION: M. SCOTT**

(b) Introduction to Soul

Tim Boem, who used to be a DJ and is a soul music enthusiast, has agreed to put together a selection of soul music to play in the church.

Date and time to be agreed. **ACTION: M. SCOTT**

(c) Children’s performance

Arts Roundabout has agreed to perform songs and music from Jesus Christ Superstar. Their performance ‘Superstar’ will take place on Sunday 28 February 2016 - 4:30 to 6:30.

This event is to be advertised in the January newsletter. **ACTION: P. SAVILL**

(d) Dawn Chorus Choir

Dawn Chorus, a Havering based choir, is willing to put together a selection of songs to sing in St Margaret’s church. The choir supports St Francis Hospice and does not charge a fee. Monies raised from the concert in the church would be shared with the choir. One possible problem is transport for the choir. Dawn Chorus is performing in the foyer of the Queens Theatre on 19 February at 2:30pm. We are welcome to go to meet them and to choose the songs we would like them to sing for us.

 Performance to take place in April 2016. Date and time to be agreed. **ACTION: P. SAVILL**

(e) Classical music**.**

**M. SCOTT** to pursue his contacts.

**C. RENOWDEN** has agreed to help identify classical musicians.

**P. SAVILL** to contact Anglia Ruskin to see if the university has any budding musicians.

(f) Jazz Spiritual

**M. SCOTT** to pursue. Contacts are proving hard to locate.

(g) Choral music

**M. SCOTT and D. FROST** to contact local choral societies.

(h) Gospel music

**D. FROST** to find out if there are any local Gospel/Forces’ Choirs.

(i) Wildlife talk

**D. FROST** to approach Essex Wildlife.

(j) Wine tasting

**D. FROST** to continue working on this idea.

(k) Afternoon tea, Murder mystery dinner event, Dinner/supper party

All are still on the list of ideas to follow through – **P SAVILL**

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

School links - **REVD CELIA** to explore.

5. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 26th January 2016 at 7pm in the St Margaret’s church.