MINUTES OF THE CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN

ST MARGARET’S CHURCH ON 22 MARCH 2016

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

APOLOGIES: Revd C. Parkes

1. NOTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2016

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

(i) Finances - H. Taylor reported he had yet to receive confirmation from Mr Bill Carnochan, St Margaret’s treasurer, that his regular donations to the church are no longer being paid into the restricted church fabric fund. It was noted that a letter, dated 3 May 2014, addressed to H. Taylor from Mr Carnochan indicated that as the general fund could not meet normal running expenses it was imperative that donations were placed in the general fund. It was agreed to arrange a special meeting with Revd Celia to discuss church finances and to find out if a treasurer’s report had been presented to the PCC meeting held on Thursday, 17 March. **ACTION: P. SAVILL**

(ii) Church improvements/maintenance – Thanks were expressed to H. Taylor for sorting out the problems with the light fittings in the porch and the vestry. Both lights are now working properly. There had been no communication between the support group and the PCC about church maintenance matters save S. Upton had given a copy of the 2012 Quinquennial Inspection to M. Scott. This report identified repair work in priority order. It was noted that none of the identified work had been carried out.

(iii) Committee Membership – C. Renowden will not be attending our meetings. She has given notice to the PCC that at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April she will not be putting her name forward to be a member of the PCC or a church warden of St Margaret’s.

(iv) Publicity – There was nothing to report on the proposed update to the church website or on the idea of exploring social media.

(v) Fund Raising Events

Children’s Performance: Art Roundabout’s performance raised £500. Entry was £5 at the door - children £3. The church was full. Everyone who saw the show said how much they enjoyed the children’s performance. The staging, borrowed from the school, meant the children could be seen. Mrs Christine Lemmon, director of Arts Roundabout, is willing to put on another event for the church. A thank you letter has been sent to Arts Roundabout.

Dawn Chorus: It was noted St Margaret’s church would not be a suitable venue for this community choir.

2. FINANCES – ST MARGARET’S CHURCH SUPPORT GROUP

H. Taylor reported that we now have £1,845 in the bank account.

3. FUND RAISING EVENTS

(i) Arrangements for the following two events were discussed.

Introduction to Soul (30.4.2016)

Tim Boem is one of three DJs for this event on Saturday, 30 April - time 6pm to 10pm.

A flier designed by Tim will appear in the April newsletter. Entry £5 at the door - 16 years and under free. Bring your own refreshments. Tim to be asked if he needs to hire any staging. **ACTION: M. SCOTT**

Fidelio Singers (16.7.2016)

This choir has been booked for Saturday, 16 July at 7.30pm. Entry to be by ticket only - £10 to include refreshments. Contact for tickets – V. Frost, P. Savill and M. Scott.

Advance information to appear in April’s newsletter. **ACTION: P. SAVILL**

Leaflets with details of programme to be designed. **ACTION: D. FROST**

Church’s maximum capacity (insurance number) to be confirmed. **ACTION: P. SAVILL**

(ii) Progress made towards organising the following events was reported.

Art demonstration

This event will take place in the summer. It was agreed that as this is an art demonstration to be organised by Jennie Scott and Susan Keeble there is no need to include other local artists.

Wine appreciation evening

This event will take place in September. It will be a fun evening - participants will be asked to guess the price range and country of origin from a selection of wines.

(e) Classical music - Nothing to report.

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

**P. SAVILL** to contact Brentwood School as well as Anglia Ruskin to see if any pupils or students are available.

(g) Choral music – Nothing to report.

**M. SCOTT and D. FROST** still pursuing contacts with local societies.

(h) Gospel music - Nothing to report.

**D. FROST** still pursuing contacts.

(i) Wildlife talk - Nothing to report.

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

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

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

4. CAR PARK

M. Scott reported that Mr Sharpe, the new owner of the Margaretting Hall Farm, has no objections to the area in front of the cottages being used as a parking area for the church and he will allow the continued use of the field as an overflow parking area for events. Mr Sharpe has given the security padlock code for the gate and his mobile phone number to the church support committee members.

*Since the meeting Mr Sharpe has confirmed that he will be resurfacing the car parking area.*

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Music Licence. Mrs Sam Adams has extended the church’s music licence to include recorded music. It was agreed that the church support group should cover the extra cost. Cost and payee details to be confirmed and forwarded to H. Taylor. **ACTION: P SAVILL**

6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 19th April 2016 at 7pm in St Margaret’s church.