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St Michael's Church Wandsworth Common

Standing Committee Meeting Monday 3 June 2024 – 7.45 pm in the Church

Present: Revd Tif Ewins (Chair - TE) James Cunningham (JC)
Tom Holmer (TH) Andrew Davies (AD)

Also attending: Sarah Taylor (ST)

1. Welcome and open in prayer

2. For Information

- **Safeguarding update**

TE mentioned there should be a PSO present at Sunday worship (Fiona Holmer will be more present than Jess Hopkins)

TH meeting with area Dean and asked if this should be a statutory agenda item with PCC. TE confirmed yes.

- **Hustings on 23 June**

TE has contacted all political parties fielding candidates in the July General Election regarding a Hustings on the 23 June. NO reply yet, but if it goes ahead the chair would be Jame Ewins or Mike Bankole. This would be publicised through all usual channels and the questions would be around environment and nature.

TH enquired about the implications – TE confirmed Sunday is a good evening to do it. There are guidelines and Chairs can't be members of political parties.

TE has communicated with other Battersea clergy to see if they have a similar event- they don't.

3. Building (ST)

- **Notice board update and faculty process**

John Kiddle has given approval for the for a regular notice board rather than the electronic board. Luke Tatum knows, and we will go through the faculty process to announce the change. There is only enough cash to do the outside board (reduced to £2.5k) JC mentioned that we probably can afford to replace the indoor boards. Nick Weedon confirmed planning permission is required from the council if bigger than 1.2m. Current proposal should be fine given size, ST now looking into styles.

Discussion around styles took place, TE likes Oak, but felt this is the wrong image and difficult to maintain. ST like aluminium. Biggest question is around the location of them in the South porch as difficult to see where they can go. Possible they could go on the pillars either side of the door. The first board would have general service information and the other board would show other information, (we would remove black boards). All church details with Sunday services information would be embossed as permanent information. The other would be a board with window (A3) showing other information. South porch would be 2 x A3 boards for notices.

ST to get quotes ahead of July PCC

Action - ST

ST to ask Nick Weedon to draw up where boards are going.

Action – ST

It was noted this only requires a List B and full faculty. JC asked to see a mock-up of the embossed section of the boards.

Action – ST

There was also a debate around the colour noting that green is the church 'corporate' colour, so this may blend into the background.

- **West Wall – update ST**

ST mentioned she isn't the client so not getting all the information. The insurance company have given approval but only for a patch test. ST mentioned that isn't not a big job however noted that pointing to the brickwork also required attention and asked if the church would cover the cost. Repointing is not part of the specification provided by the contractors however we do now have a quote. ST is chasing for authorisation. There should be a response from Ecclesiastical by end of next week. JC suggested that once this work is complete, we should cost up the rest.

ST is working on quote for stripping the paint at the bottom of the stone columns and painting a stone colour as they are damp. Plus getting a quote for all painting work. (1. St obtaining quote for back / 2. ST getting quote for whole building). All this is happening because west wall isn't dry, so will leave unpainted until it is dry. ST has also asked for quote to redecorate the North Porch, which will of course add to the cost.

TE asked if we could do soe work to the kitchen areas too. ST waiting to see what happens when its moved. There is no point in fixing what is there so may as well replace the doors.

4. Finance Update

JC commented that finances are all fine. There is more income because of the grants. Little learners are still using the crypt.

Repair budget will be impacted with recent work and other work coming out of the Quinquennial report.

Charitable giving is on the agenda for next PCC in July. Kids skills have now finished and subscriptions are behind. The books are generally in good shape and should end up with a surplus.

TE reviewed Church Desk and one other system. TE has been through the database and culled all old contacts to ensure we have the right level of subscription.

TH asked about Legacy and should w promote / do anything. TE feels uncomfortable with this. various options were discussed (leaflets / website etc), TE suggested she would look to see what other churches do.

Action - TE

5. Roles

- **Sparkle lead to replace Emma**

Emma's role has been accounted for 1 year before moving to SPARKLE. She is ready to leave any time. On Wednesday TE met Jo Sykes who is due to spend a day with SPARKLE and could hopefully replace Emma (on the same daily rate).

- **Users management role for Janet (Not nurseries) (TE/ ST)**

Janet very efficient with parties, bookings, cleaning etc. Janet should have a Soldo card. Janet could take on more management work (Karate club etc) to free up ST's time to focus more on PM work, (main role). St to hand over more work apart from the management of the 2 nurseries, which ST will maintain. Therefore, we need to find 4 hrs per week of Janet's salary. JC asked if there is enough work and does Janet have the time – Yes to both. TE keen to increase responsibility, so it's purely a financial question. JC happy based on current status of books.

- **Ministry after Reema**

Longer term question – would we sacrifice cost on the building to find extra ministry support. JC commented that if we are taking someone on the income must cover it. There is always a risk with income. If taking someone on, is it for a fixed period (say 1 year) or open-ended as there is money to fund it now (assuming c.£15-£20k).

Reema's departure also means losing an element of teaching.

Kids Skills has come to an end – JC asked what we can do to sustain the group / TH asked if there was still a group. TE mentioned there are 3 families on Cobham Close + 1 other (1 has become a soup maker for SPARKLE).

TE has ideas of what a Ministry person could look like, but the potential danger is that we just tread water. BY next PCC, TE to draft the ideal job description (more likely to be a person description than a job description).

Action – TE

JC asked if there would be another opportunity to get someone similar to Reema in the future. TE explained they usually come for 3 years, but we had Reema for the last 18 months as she had been somewhere else for the previous 18 months.

6. AOB:

- **Policies**

TH mentioned the policies have now been circulated around the PCC. MH has responded with some suggestions. TH still needs to circulate an Internet Policy and it was suggested the dates are staggered so people don't have to review all at once.

- **North porch**

ST suggested the centre 'partition' with internal doors could be removed along with the coal-box which would open up the porch, (noted the doors would have to be stored somewhere). Glass doors could be installed on the inside (porch side) of the main internal doors and designed to match size and shape. Next steps to ask Nick Weedon to draft plans.

Action - ST

Actions

Date	Action	Responsibility	By When
03.06.24	Obtain quotes ahead of July PCC	ST	03.07.24
03.06.24	Ask Nick to plan location where notice boards to be installed and mock-up of the embossed section.	ST	ASAP
03.06.24	Review what other churches do about Legacy giving	TE	ASAP
03.06.24	Draft JD for Ministry position	TE	03.07.24
03.06.24	Ask Nick Weedon to draft plans for glass doors.	ST	ASAP