

West Swindon Church Partnership

Notes from Standing Committee

Thursday 19th January 2011 8:00pm @ All Saints vicarage

- 1 Welcome & prayers
- 2 Apologies for absence
Apologies: Chris Scarisbrick, Lesley Franklin
Present: Dave Carter, Dick Gray, Tudor Roberts, Sue Green
- 3 Notes of last SC 2nd December
 - Meeting with George Rendell took place and was positive and enabled a number of potential issues to be aired and largely resolved.
- 4 Minutes of PC meeting 4th October
No matters of special note
- 5 Matters arising not elsewhere
None identified.
- 6 Financial report 2010
The past treasurer shared the details of the accounts for 2010 with those present. He had made accruals for pending 2010 contributions from All Saints and Westlea. The overall result was a draw down on reserves of around £7.5K which was somewhat worse than hoped for. Main causes lower fees for occasional offices, little miscellaneous income offset by significant unplanned youth work income. Major effects of expenditure side were larger than planned Anglican & URC contributions, and major costs of youth work. Expenses of the partnership were up on budget partially caused by recruitment costs.
- 7 Goals for 2011
An extensive discussion ensued on what might be our goals for 2011.
We propose a selection of the following:
 - Equip and encourage
 - Youth and children's work (Emerge & Messy Church)
 - Development of lay people
 - Building work at HTS, SM & AS
 - Generosity of giving (stewardship and time)
 - Evangelism
 - Prayer
 - Core values
 - Relationships development
- 8 Budget 2011
Not discussed.
- 9 PC Agenda
Items for the agenda include Constitution approval; Budget 2011; Goals for 2010 & 11; Annual report; AGM location and timing (Saturday evening?); Issues related to Common Tenure of Priests; Child Protection update; Lent course; OT Governors; confirmation date; HTS Faculty; SM building; AS litigation; Trustee training; Connecting people connecting places
- 10 Youth work issues
CC had asked about membership of PC. We would not recommend it.

- 10 Children's work
Messy church building up slowly. DC to put together a unified report for the Annual report.
- 11 Constitution status & EGM
- EGM; this had been well publicised.
 - Meeting to be told about:
 - Legal situation
 - Charity legislation
 - Gift Aid
 - Changes from the previous version
- 12 AGM
DG had prepared a matrix for the next SC & PC meetings to share out the work of preparation. It is hoped that Brenda will be able to consolidate and format the input. Date was proposed to be Saturday 26th March preferably at Toothill starting at 4pm with a bring and share tea, followed by the main items of business ending by around 6:30pm. Churches to be asked via PC reps for a 2-3 minute report on the highlights of the year.
- 13 AOB
- AS have a healing weekend led by Harnhill on 12th February
 - Diocese proposes focus on Matthew's gospel during Lent supported by Biblefresh culminating in a Festival of the word at the Cathedral on 22nd May.
- 14 Next meeting
Wednesday 2nd March 8:00pm @ All Saints vicarage (NOTE Changed from 28th February).