

Peasedown St John Methodist Church

Minutes of the Church Council Meeting held on Tuesday February 10th 2015

Those present: Bob Fedder, Pam & Tom Turner, Linda & Francis Day, Jill Souter, Val Humphries,
Sue Macey, Karen Smith, Rev Michelle Ireland.

Item		Action
1	Devotions were led by Rev Michelle	
2.	Apologies were received from: Derek Edgell, Ray Love, Nick & Marilyn Martin, Niki de Silva, Beryl Fedder, Malcolm Hicks.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting were agreed a true record and signed.	
4.	New Groups: Knit & Natter will start this Wednesday, and will meet fortnightly, Audrey will open up for them. A Saturday morning meeting for dads, “Who let the Dads out?” was suggested, but needs helpers, ideally men to run it. Young Blazers continues on Monday evening.	
5	Circuit Matters: The circuit will be welcoming two new ministers in September. Jan Tate who will be taking over the Radstock section and will have a role as Training Officer, and Martin Slocombe, a probationer, will take over the Paulton section, to include Timsbury. Circuit Farewell services for Audrey Simpson @Paulton March 29 th 6 p.m. and for Andrew Pottage & Jongsin Lee at Southdown on July 19 th at 6.30 p.m. Easter Offering service will be at Southdown on May 3 rd at 6.30p.m.	
6	The service led by the Young People was very well received, and Michelle will try to use them in All Age Worship in future. It is likely that there will be more LA's in the future. Harvest Supper, September 26 th will be followed by games etc. Covenant and Family day will be combined this year on September 6 th . There was a suggestion that it be followed by a Family Picnic. Camerton Court was suggested as a venue. Ken Biggs to be approached. Concern was expressed about the future of children and young people in worship. They seem to be losing interest in church, and some will not come to All Age Worship Sundays. Messy Church on a Friday was working; Blaze and Young Blazers on Monday Evening was popular, Kidszone is also well attended, and all of these activities have a Spiritual content. It was decided that the church be asked to pray for wisdom and guidance in how to work with the young people and children.	Sue Macey
7	There will be a Prayer Ministry Day on Saturday April 18 th from 10 – 4.30.this will be publicised around the circuit. Packed lunches will be needed, and a donation of £5 will be asked for to defray the expenses of the speaker. “Strictly Discussion” had begun successfully and will alternate with “Strictly Worship” on the first Saturday of each month	
8	There had been no adverse comments regarding the new TV screens. A request has been made by the Worship Group for two more wired microphones, and they also think that the sound desk needs replacing. It was agreed that they should go ahead with any improvements they deem necessary, and that the funds would come from the building & Development fund. The Sperring Trust had given us £600 towards the screens. It was decided to apply to Party in the Park for help towards the costs of the microphones and desk. There was some discussion about repositioning the noticeboard to just right of the Church door. We will look into noticeboards and banners to go on the railings for regular events such as: “Messy Church this Friday,” “Breakfast 9-12 this Saturday”, “Strictly Worship this Saturday at 7 p.m.” “Back to Church Sunday” “Join us on Sunday at 10.30 a.m.” etc. Other ideas will be welcome.	Sue Macey Linda Day Rob Doble

9	<p>The Christmas Party in Park presentation had been well received, thanks were expressed to those who organised and took part in it.</p> <p>It has been suggested that following last year's successful Pentecost Parade, there be a Picnic Lunch in the Park this Pentecost Sunday (May 24th) at Beacon field after morning service. We hope this will be a Christians Together event, so St John's & St Joseph's will be invited.</p>	
10	<p>Thanks were expressed to all Pastoral Visitors for the work they do. The theme for Hill House weekend (July 10 – 12) was discussed, various suggestions were made, such as Prayer, Outreach, which Jill will take to Ian for him to decide.</p>	
11	<p>Messy Church dates were confirmed, March 20th, June 26th & 16th October.</p>	
12	<p>Bus Shelter: The meeting agreed to the sale of the small strip of land to Bath & North East Somerset Council for £10, for the erection of a bus shelter. The meeting understood that all costs of the sale, i.e. surveyor's fees and any legal fees, would be met by the council, and that should the land no longer be used as a bus shelter, the council would restore the wall, and the small strip of land would revert to the church.</p> <p>Foodbank is still operating smoothly, Holiday at Home Winter Warmer day was a great success. Communitia has brought new people in to the church and will continue on the last Sunday of March, May, July, September & November. Some discussion about a Hardship Fund to be set up by St John's ensued. It was decided that more information was needed from James Taylor</p>	Linda
13	<p>Finance: Derek was unable to attend so there was no detailed financial report, but it was reported that weekly giving had increased. The recent repair of the cooker had been met from Lunch Club funds.</p> <p>Property: The lights in the church were causing problems as they were needing to be replaced quite frequently. Bob suggested that LED lights be installed as they would be much cheaper to run, and lasted for thousands of hours. It was agreed that we should test one or two in the church to see if they were as powerful as the present lights. Three quotes having been received, Bob recommended we accept the quote from Williams Roofing Contractors Ltd at £ 2120 +VAT</p>	Bob to contact Darren Wilkins and roofer
14	<p>It was agreed to apply to the circuit for a grant towards the costs that the Young People will incur as they visit Soul Survivor again this year. The recent service taken by them confirmed how important it was for their spiritual growth that they go again. The church members have also been asked to donate towards the costs if they feel able. Donations, however small, will be gratefully received by the stewards.</p>	
15	<p>Date of the next meeting: Tuesday May 5th 7.30 p.m.</p>	
	<p>Signed:..... Date:...../...../.....</p>	

Feb 27th 2015 3.40 p.m.