

Registered Charity no. 249726

Minutes of the Council Meeting 17th June 2019

St Michaels, Martlesham

Present: There were 49 members present

Item		Action
1.	Linda opened the meeting by welcoming all. Viv read from Romans 12 and said prayers. A card had gone round the room for signatures wishing Catherine Forsdike a happy retirement from the clergyhood.	
2.	Apologies: Margaret Rollins, Catherine Kersey, Rev Catherine Forsdike, Margaret Goldstone, Margaret Bloomfield, Rachel Jolly, Rev Elizabeth Corker, Jane Drew, Angela Marjoram, Anne Clarke, Dorothy Grant, Rev Canon Ian Wilson, Anna Vessey, Joy Bolwell, Rosemary Dale, Margaret Ellis, Margaret Cotton, and Christine Ward .	
3.	Minutes of 12th November 2018. These were proposed correct by Brenda Simmons, seconded by Jean Haste and agreed by all.	
4.	Matters Arising – There were no matters arising	
5.	DP Report – Linda had sent a report out prior to the meeting but added that she had been to Peterborough Diocese to meet Sheran Harper our new WWP. Then saw again at Coventry on 31st May and Cathie and Linda had a photo taken with Sheran (On the front of Pathways). Linda also attended the Seafarers Service at BSE cathedral on Sunday 16 th June where our hats were blessed and given to the Seafarers Mission. Dean Joe said in the service that it was good to welcome the MU DP and was surprised how many hats we make. In the afternoon when Linda returned home she sent an email to Joe showing the figures Cathie had complied from the Annual Return forms, he immediately wrote back saying how wonderful that Mothers Union helps so many in such a lot of ways. Linda was also pleased to announce that 2 members had come forward to join the Trustee board. She thanked Jeanette Appleton who was willing to stand as F&P rep and Sandra Griffiths as the new IpswichArea Rep. These were proposed by Linda and seconded by Beryl Mee the meeting all agreed to these appointments.	
6.	Treasurer's Report – Keith explained the half yearly accounts to the meeting. He had slides so all could see them on the screen. The acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Sandra Griffiths, and seconded by Rev Helen Davy, and agreed by those present.	

	<p>Cyclone in Southern Africa – Keith told the meeting that he had been given a substantial amount of money from the branches and would be sending over £2000.00 to the Malawi Appeal.</p>	
7.	<p>Unit Reports – These had been sent to members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Linda asked if the trustees and Officers</p> <p>Cathie – Read out donations made. Linda mentioned that Sylvia Craig had recently died and she used to write regularly to EADT saying what MU is doing and it would be nice if someone in one of the branches would take this job on?</p> <p>Anna – Quiet Day 26th June 2019 bring a packed lunch at Reydon.</p> <p>Sue – Nothing to add.</p> <p>Viv – Details of dates can be found in Pathways. If large print is required this can be done as it is now on the website and can be enlarged and printed at home.</p> <p>Val – asked those present to read her report in Pathways and pass information to schools and uniformed organizations re how AFIA can help fund school trips etc. She has helped 6 children already this year.</p> <p>Monica – Linda said it was lovely to have Monica here after her accident.</p> <p>Janice – Said she would be sending Pathways to our link Diocese overseas. Some members asked if next year some of the Wave of Prayer service could be printed in large print, as there were now several members that had poor eyesight. Branches to let us know how many large print they require.</p> <p>Jean – Requested that if people are on the Prayer Chain and either recover or die could they let her know as they are sometimes left on when they should be removed.</p> <p>Margaret – The meeting were told that we no longer print names etc. in Pathways of wedding anniversaries due to GDPR but Margaret does still send the cards out.</p> <p>Val and Sandra are attending the Wedding fayre at Trinity Park in September; Linda invited any members that wished to could join them.</p> <p>Ian – Promoting MU at weddings and baptisms by wearing his Mothers Union Stole that he was presented with at the Commissioning Service In March.</p>	
8.	<p>MUe – Clare updated the meeting saying there is now the new Spring and Summer catalogue out. She also said she will need to know how many dairies, calendars and Christmas Cards to order for 2020. Branch Leaders can do this by emailing either Clare or Penny with their requests.</p>	
9.	<p>I-Spy Banners – Linda has asked that in August when children are on school holidays that parents/grandparents take the young people around the diocese spying MU Banners in local churches. We would like these recorded and photographed so in time we can make a Banner Book and perhaps sell it. This</p>	

	can be made a competition between branches and they can see which branches spy the most! Photos to be sent to Linda at the end of August please.	
10.	Diocesan Banner – Beryl told the meeting that she had recently looked carefully at the Diocesan Banner and it was not in a very good state as the material was rotting. She had taken it to Mary Collins Ecclesiastical Embroiderer who had said it is beyond repair and we could purchase another for approx. £2000.00. The meeting were asked to think and pray about this and hopefully each branch will help with the purchase of a new one by donating £1 per member and this could raise approx. £800 towards a replacement. Linda asked the meeting to consider whether we replace like for like or did we wish to have a modern banner. This was not just our Diocese problem but many Diocese are having a similar problem. Penny did say she was and knew others that did quilting and that was another type of solution to be considered.	
11.	<p>Strategy -Linda said she had attended the March DP conference at which she had to produce the strategy for St Eds & Ips for the next triennium. She had given this a lot of thought and proposed the we use A.B.C.</p> <p>A – for the work of AFIA in the Diocese</p> <p>B - for Befriending thinking how MU members could help and support the Meet up Mondays initiative now started about the county.(Clare showed the meeting a clip from YOU Tube about how these are operating).</p> <p>C - for the CLEWER Initiative (Modern Day Slavery)which Carol Mansel from the Diocese is responsible for and has asked MU to think about and work with them over the next few months. Cathie is to lead this for St Eds & Ips MU in conjunction with the Diocese.</p> <p>These are the three things she would like us to focus over the next 3 years.</p>	
12.	<p>Secretary Update. Beryl asked that branches and deaneries keep her informed of dates they are having events, thus allowing her to keep the Diocesan Diary up to date and that she hoped that Branch Leaders would print the diary she emails at the beginning of each month, and display it on their notice boards so members and others can see what MU is doing in the Diocese.</p> <p>Beryl mentioned the Annual Meeting and Service that is being held at Portsmouth Cathedral in September and that a holiday is being arranged leaving on Monday 16th September and returning Friday the 20th. We will attend the Service of Welcome on the Tuesday afternoon and the meeting at the Guildhall on the Wednesday. There will be excursions arranged for the Thursday. The cost of the holiday so far is £346 but there will be a bit extra for entrance tickets etc.</p>	
13	After a short comfort break the meeting resumed by listening to Roger Fern Champion for the Dementia Initiative that has been started in Ipswich and surrounding areas. Roger was thanked for a very interesting and informative talk. Members afterwards were able to take leaflets regarding Living with Dementia.	

14	Closing Prayers - Viv said the closing prayers which was followed by all saying the Grace.	
	The meeting closed at 9.20pm	

Signed:.....Date