

Registered Charity no. 249726

Minutes of the Council Zoom Meeting 22nd June 2020

Present: There were 34 members present

Item		Action
1.	Linda welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting reflecting on St Pauls perspective of God's help for strength and courage, particularly applicable as we face the challengers to which we have been called (Ephesians 3.).Opening prayers were taken from "Prayers from the Heart" produced by St Andrews, Rushmere MU	
2.	Apologies Rachel Jolly, Ann Wright, Peggy Haylock, Audrey Jamieson, Alison Crockett, Anne Clarke, Jane Leffler, Liz Nunn, Sue Doe, Monica Twaits, Helen Davy and Christine Ward, Janice Brett.	
3.	Minutes of council meeting 18th November 2019. These were proposed correct by Sandra Griffiths, seconded by Cathie McGregor, and agreed by all. Signed by Linda Ginn. These will be forwarded to the secretary for filing.	
4.	Matters Arising – There were no matters arising	
5.	Presidents Report – Linda had sent a report prior to the meeting. Further information included the death of the mother of our Chaplain Rev.Canon Ian Wilson, funeral on Wednesday. Linda asked us to remember and pray for all our members who have recently been bereaved.	LG
6.	Treasurer's Report – Keith had sent out prior to the meeting his latest set of accounts he added that we had been able to sent £15,000 to MSH towards their Crisis Appeal this is due to the generosity of members and some of our reserves. The report was - Proposed correct by Jeanette and seconded by Sandra, agreed by all. Linda thanked Keith for his very clear report.	KF
7.	Unit Reports – These had been sent to branches before the meeting by email and Linda asked the Trustees if they had anything to add. Jeanette – From her car - Launched the Book of Comfort she had been putting together, this is now available to download and will be able to be purchased soon. Linda thanked Jeanette for her hard work with this project. Anna - Nothing to add. Cathie - Told the meeting that the Charity Commission items had been updated . Val – The money we had given to an Academy in Ipswich to help with young people going on a field trip had been returned due to the cancellation because of the Corona Virus Pandemic. They hoped to run	

	<p>this next year when we would once again help with funding. Val had not received back the money we had given to help a Guide to go to Switzerland but this is also postponed until next year.</p> <p>Sandra – Told the meeting Joy Bolwell had been able to give vouchers to the value of £80 to the Woman's Refuge in Bury St.Edmunds</p> <p>Sue – Queried whether Pathways or something similar would be done.</p> <p>Linda suggested a Newsletter, this is to be brought to the next Trustee Meeting.</p> <p>.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Secretary's report</u></p> <p>Over the past 3 months I have kept branches up to date with MU happenings. At the beginning of lockdown I said I would look at my PC every day and this I have done. Branches have kept me updated with things going on eg online meetings, death of members, prayers for those who were ill. Please continue to do this as it is a good way to inform others of what is going on in the diocese.I have arranged Zoom meetings for the trustees and council which in these uncertain times have been helpful, I am hoping that the November Council meeting will be held as planned at Fressingfield but that remains to be seen.</p> <p>Beryl Mee MU Secretary/Administrator</p>	
9.	<p>Comments were invited from the floor about the format of the newsletter, which gives fortnightly updates about MSH changes. For some this is too long, too wordy, not always relevant to branch member, and it was pointed out that many members do not have email and would prefer posted information. These issues will be addressed in Newsletter No 7. And discussed further at the next Trustee meeting.</p>	
10.	<p>Having fulfilled the Constitutional obligations for a Council meeting, members were asked for thoughts about a Retreat for 2021. Although not anticipated , it was suggested that anyone not having had the opportunity to be heard, their comments should be emailed to Beryl for further discussion at the next trustee meeting</p>	
11.	<p>Linda closed the meeting with thanks to those who attended. Zoom unexpectedly timed out at 11.40am. Linda wrote a follow up letter which was sent to all Branch Leaders apologising for the abrupt conclusion which happened in spite of all our endeavours and preparation beforehand. As a first attempted, we have learned much.</p>	
12.	<p>Date of next Meeting – Wednesday 18th November 2020 at Fressingfield 9.30 for 10.00am</p>	

Meeting closed at 10 50am

Signed:.....Date

