

Registered Charity no. 249726

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held via Zoom
 on 7th December 2020 at 10.00am**

Item		Action
1.	Present:- Linda Ginn Diocesan President, Trustees Cathie McgGregor, Clare Thomas, Sue Norrington, Anna Vessey, Sandra Griffiths, Val Jefferies, Keith Foulds Treasurer and Beryl Mee Secretary	
2.	Apologies: Margaret Rollins, Monica Twaits, Nicola Griffiths, Jeanette Appleton, Jean Haste. Margaret Lowe, Wendy Fellingham, Chris Jacobs and Jill Rood.	
2a	Welcome :- There were 27 present. Linda welcomed those present and thanked them for their time and attendance. Linda opened the meeting with a Prayer .	
3.	Minutes of the last meeting held on the 22 nd June 2020 . Signed as correct, proposed by Sandra Griffiths, seconded by Anna Vessey, and all agreed.	
4.	Matters Arising – Anna told the meeting she had been in contact with Felix at MSH regarding the Pop Up Shop as requested at the last Council meeting.	
5	Conflict of Interest – There was no conflict of Interest.	
6	Diocesan Presidents Report – Linda had a PowerPoint presentation which is attached at the end of these minutes.	
7.	Treasurer's Report - Keith's financial report had been sent out prior to the meeting. Keith said that since the accounts were sent out, he had received the remainder of the dividend from MUe. He is not happy to hear that MSH are wanting to go onto Direct Debit for our subscriptions The accounts were proposed correct by Brenda Simmons, seconded by Jane Whight and agreed by all. Linda thanked Keith for his hard work and for keeping the accounts in good order.	
8.	Update from Trustees Anna – Added that she would be delivering 10 Christmas Socks to the Night Shelter in the afternoon. These were filled by her branch and contained Pens, diary, sweets, and other Christmas goodies Cathie. – nothing to add. Beryl – nothing to add Clare told the meeting there is still time to order Cards, Diaries and Calendars to receive these before Christmas. Email or phone her with any orders. Janice – Nothing to add	

	<p>Jeanette – In Jeanettes absence Linda reminded the meeting that there will be the Blue Christmas Service available on our Diocesan website on 21st December at 5.00pm</p> <p>Jean had asked that the members be reminded that if they put someone on the prayer Chain to please contact her when they need to come off. Beryl has suggested to Jean she phones those that have asked for prayers to see if they are able to come off the list.</p> <p>Monica- A request made for someone to take on the Indoor Members role as she is finding difficult to do now. Linda asked if those at the meeting could think and pray about this so someone would come forward to take on this role. It is not an onerous role, but Monica writes to the indoor member 2-3 times a year to keep them up to date with what is going on in the Diocese and sends them the Newsletters etc., this is appreciated by all.</p> <p>Margaret – Margaret is willing to continue sending cards to the over 90's.</p> <p>Sandra – Sandra told the meeting that she has been able to give the Women's Refuge in Ipswich and Joy Bolwell in BSE gift vouchers to the value of £200 and thanked members that had given the vouchers she also used some money from the Ipswich Area account. Sandra will also be taking toys to Peppercorn Lodge in the next few days for the children there for Christmas. And that she had been able to give Pajamas to the night shelter when they opened a couple of weeks ago.</p> <p>Keith mentioned that there is sufficient in the accounts if more is required.</p> <p>Sue – Nothing more to report but did say all the Diocesan members have now paid their subscriptions.</p> <p>Val- A request for a holiday had been received from a front-line worker but with the Covid situation being as it is, Val was not happy to send a family away but will keep their application on file ready for next year when hopefully things may return to something like the new normal.</p>	
9.	<p>Services in December – Linda reminded those at the meeting about the services that were available virtually in December.</p> <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Linda also said she has sent information to the Bishops and Archdeacon regarding what we in St Eds and Ips MU are doing. Linda had been asked to attend the meetings held by Dave Gardner for Mission and Ministry via Zoom but felt they are attended by those higher up in the Diocese so declined but Michael Hatchett said he thought she should attend as MU is as important as any other part of the Diocese. She will give this some thought for 2021.</p> <p>Linda told the meeting she has put together a YouTube for the New Year to be played to members. This is instead of her being able to visit branches, the link will be on the MU website after Christmas.</p> <p>Beryl asked the meeting to send her any dates that were required to go into the Diocesan Dairy.</p> <p>Sandra Belton mentioned that she is the contact link for the Women's World Day of Prayer in Ipswich and is not sure if it will happen in 2021 as it is at the beginning of march and we are still likely to not be able to hold services. She said to look at the website for Woman's World Day of Pray for more information nearer the time.</p> <p>Linda closed the meeting after thanking those present and congratulated all having taken on the new way we are having meetings at the present time. We then said the Mary Sumner Prayer before we ran out of Zoom time at 11.30</p>	

Date of next meeting is our AGM 17th March 2021 via Zoom or in person TBA

Signed:.....Date