

Minutes of the PACT meeting on 15th February 2023

Reflection:

Christine Traynier read a passage from the Song of Songs

Attendance:

Peter (vice-chair) chaired this meeting as John was not able to attend.

Apologies: Madeline King, John Callaghan, Kindsey Clegg, Carolyn Barton, Vanessa Dowse, Jenny Ballinger.

Present: Christine Traynier (St Laurence), Belinda Shaw (Life Church), Christine Tully (St Peter's Petersfield / PACT Treasurer), Jenny Parkes (St Mary's Sheet), Ivan Huntington-Thresher (Petersfield Methodist Church), Steve Field (Salvation Army), Amanda Greenlee (Steep), Peter Hollins (St Laurence)

Minutes of the Last meeting (2/11/22) were agreed, there were no matters arising.

Good Friday procession and service in the square on April 7th

Easter Cards

4 cards were selected

The first for printing was a cross surrounded by hearts and Happy Easter

The second was the cross with rainbow colours and two hills

Two held third place with large brown cross and He Has Risen!

And the large sun rising with rays in all directions and a cross to the right

We agreed prizes of £25 £15 £10 £10

(Copies of these are attached to this email)

The winner will be passed to Helen Mason for printing.

The cards will be sorted for distribution on 13th March

Holiday Club Funding

£1500 available to support this.

It was thought unlikely that a person could be found to organise a holiday club as in earlier years.

Jenny Parkes spoke about the Youth Worker and projects in Sheet.

The committee felt that if this could be opened to a wider number funding could be provided.

Jenny will speak to the Youth Worker and recommend contact with John Callaghan.

He may also consider involving the Kings Arms.

In the past URC Church has organised projects for youth.

Finance

Collections at the Carols in the Square and Unity Service raised about £350

It was agreed that this would be divided equally between the Kings Arms and Petersfield Counselling Service.

Proms of Praise

Steve Field spoke about this.

All churches to be invited to sing familiar hymns and prom-type favourites.

A variety of staffs would be encouraged. A fun day.

The Committee agree to go forward by reserving a Band he knows in Godalming with some Salvation Army members but not all. Cost of the Band £200. The Pavilion on the Avenue to be booked (£21.40 per hour). This would take place on 17th June.

(Additional from the Chair: "I would suggest we hire it from 11 am to 7 pm with the event running from 12 noon to 6 pm.")

There will need to be a PACT committee meeting prior to this event.

Fairtrade in Petersfield

Fairtrade products are now available in supermarkets.

However, there may be a role for a campaign to refresh commitment to Petersfield as a Fairtrade Town.

Members of the Committee are few and elderly.

It would need fresh blood.

Would anybody like to take this on?

ECO Petersfield

Though not linked to PACT we are aware that 3 churches are involved with this.

Events are being planned.

The group may like to hold a stall at the Proms of Praise

Prayer Event (Life Church)

There may well be more days offered exploring prayer.

Christmas Celebration 2022

Ivan is expecting thoughts from members of the Team involved.

There will be a meeting to review all that happened.

We will expect a summary of this at the next PACT meeting.

It was agreed that the Team should start meeting as soon as possible to plan Christmas 2023.

Several people said it was really important to have a representative from each church.

Christine reviewed the finances of the Christmas Tea. It made a small profit.

Any Other Business

Church subs to PACT are based on the average number attending a particular church.

After the COVID period Christine wondered if it was time to reset the system.

The Committee agreed. Peter Hollins will contact each of the churches for their average attendance and pass on the information to Christine.

There was some discussion as to how much should be raised. It was agreed to ask Christine to decide this.

Pact email addresses need to be updated. Christine acknowledged that there were some problems. They are being sorted.

PACT Facebook really needs a young person to administer it. Members were asked to try to recruit a volunteer. Facebook was a good way of communicating with church members. Unfortunately, there are only just over a hundred subscribers at the moment.

Communication – it is important that invitations to church activities are widely published and that we keep each other informed.

The Meeting Concluded with The Grace