

19th March 2017 Shettleston. On Sunday 19th March 2017, the Stated Annual Meeting of the Congregation of Sandyhills Church was held in the Sanctuary at 12.00 noon. The Rev Graham Atkinson opened the meeting with devotions. The Chairman read the Edict, and confirmed that this had been read in Church on 5th March and 12th March 2017. **A signed copy of the Edict is held with this minute.** The Chairman explained that the Board had decided to try having the Stated Annual Meeting (SAM) on a Sunday after the Service, to see if this would be better for the congregation as a whole. Other than the accounts which would be covered today, the other reports previously included in the SAM i.e. Kirk Session, Fabric, Landscaping, Safeguarding, Audio Visual and Website, are all posted on the Church website, and spare printed copies are in the vestibule for anyone who does not have access to the internet. The Chairman then read some verses from 2 Corinthians, Chapter 3, and followed this with prayer.

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Helen Torry, John Beresford, Ishbel Kane, May Stead and Fiona Crosbie.

Minutes The minutes of the 2016 Stated Annual Meeting having been distributed with the Annual Statement of Accounts, were approved. Proposed by Mrs M Sharp and seconded by Mr C Hosie. The meeting agreed.

Finance Report The Chairman read the Examiners Statement to the meeting. The Treasurer, Mr Tony Amalraj gave the financial report for the year ended 2016. Before starting his report, Mr Amalraj wished to thank the Lord for allowing him to complete another year as Treasurer to our Church. The Finance team are grateful to Douglas Blaney who is always there to help with our accounts, and for being our Independent Examiner. At this time, the Treasurer also thanked the Finance team, Margaret and Ian Boyd, Bill and Margaret Crawford, Liz McKinnon, Liz Milne, Mary Lindsay and Carol Ann Frame for all their help and support. They do all the difficult work leaving the easy bits for him, from counting the offerings on a Sunday and depositing the money in the bank during the week, to maintaining the WFO envelopes, signing new members for Gift Aid and raising the claims for these with HMRC. He also wished to thank Fran Laurie our Book-keeper, as it is Fran who transfers all the entries each week into the accounting system, allowing the Treasurer to get the monthly and annual statements with the click of a button, in order to present these to the Board as required. Moving on to our Accounts, the **Trustees Annual Report** is shown on pages 3 and 4 and the **Independent Examiners Report** is shown on page 5 of the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2016. Accrued (sorp (Statement of Recommended Practice) compliant) Accounts (Annual Statement of Accounts) for the year ended 31st December 2016 and laid out as per OSCR requirements. **A full copy of these Accounts are held with this Minute.** The Treasurer then went on to explain the Accounts for Year ended 31 December 2016. **Page 6** of the accounts shows the total receipts of £89,056, and our payments accounted for £101,318. This is analysed between Unrestricted Funds, Restricted Funds and Endowment Funds, and shows that we spent more during the year than we received, to the tune of £12,262. Nearly all of this comes from the Unrestricted Funds. The Statement of Balances is shown on **page 7**. We started the year with a balance of £189,194, which includes the investment balance of £23,979 as shown in the last column under (Total Funds 2015). At the end of the year 2016, we close the accounts with a balance of £79,197, which is the difference between the opening balance and the Deficit of Receipts over Payments (£12,262) plus the £2,262 which is the gain on the Endowment investments (held in Edinburgh, C of S Growth Fund). **Pages 8, 9 and 10** show the notes detailing the accounts provided in pages 6 and 7. **Page 10** shows the details about the Investment fund, which we started the year with a balance of £23,979, had a gain on investments of £2,265 and closed the year with a balance of £26,244. At the end of the page the Collections and Donations to third parties is shown. This is split as £2,500 which is paid for the five charities mentioned, along with £278 which was the collections we made to be sent to Samaritan's Purse, and £40 was given to us by the St Gregorios Church for the Lodging House Mission. The Treasurer mentioned at this point that we missed making the payment for the Watchnight and Christmas day collections for the Charlie Canning Centre from Christmas 2015. A cheque was sent for both 2015 and 2016 a few weeks ago, and will be reflected in the 2017 end of year accounts. The treasurer explained that he has added an additional page at the end of the Annual accounts (**page 11**) that gives a detailed split of Unrestricted fund's income and expenditure. The income is split as money received from offerings which accounts to £57,967 and tax recovered on Gift Aid of £18,250, although half of this is from 2015, but claimed in 2016. Contributions from organisations totalled £475, which is £350 from the Guild and £125 from the Men's Breakfast Club.

Rental income of £5,285 was also received, the split of which is listed on this page for reference. The Unrestricted fund expenditure totalled £100,098, the detailed split of this is also shown on this page. The total expenditure compared to the previous year has increased by £6,270, although 66% of this increase relates to Rwanda travel. The difference between income and expenditure from Unrestricted funds shows a deficit of £11,042. The Treasurer then referred the meeting to **Page 8** to explain some transfers Douglas and he have made this year. As explained in the notes regarding each fund, the revenue from Miss Hay's Executory is transferred out of that fund, which you can see as a negative figure against the same in column 4, the amount being £10,400. We have moved £5,400 into the Youth fund and £5,000 into the General Fund. The reason for this is that we have never used the money from the Youth fund before, and going forward we have decided to use this for Sunday School expenses. For the last many years, Sunday School expenses have come out of the General fund, and we have therefore moved £5,000 to this to compensate for this. We also have an Office Equipment fund which has not been used for some time. This had a balance of £2,070 which has now been expended as we made some equipment purchases last year (one was the projector costing £1,370 and the other was the Wi-Fi installation in the church which cost £2,680). **This statement has been audited by Mr D Blaney the Independent Examiner and found to be correct and in accordance with Church of Scotland and OSCR requirements.** **The Approval of the Annual Statement of Accounts was proposed by Mrs**

S West, and seconded by Mrs E Milne. The meeting agreed.

Budget 2017 The Treasurer then referred the meeting to the Budget for 2017, shown at the back of the Annual Accounts. He explained that he has reduced the amount under Tax recovered on Gift Aid because of the reasons explained earlier. The rest of the numbers are either calculated to the nearest round number, or are items we already know the value of (i.e. Mission Allocation and Presbytery Dues). He has set aside £3,000 for Office equipment and reduced other expenses to £1,500 as that is what has been spent in previous years. Another major expense to note in the budget is for the Youth Worker employment. The Treasurer has allocated £45,000, which is the total amount agreed by the Congregational Board as Sandyhills Church's contribution. This was on the budget for 2016, but as none of this was paid out, it is showing again in the 2017 budget. With this budget, we are showing a deficit of £54,220 for 2017, this being mainly due to the Youth Worker contribution, and without this the deficit would be £9,220. **Approval of the 2017 Budget was proposed by Mr I Sharp and seconded by Mrs E Milne. The meeting agreed.**

Election of Office Bearers Nine (9) members were due to retire this year and could be proposed for re-election. Of these Mr Richard Cameron, Mrs Fiona Hughes, Mr Roberto Matteo, and Mrs Irene Spankie have decided to retire at this time (4 persons). The Clerk proposed that four (4) of the remaining members available for re-election are elected for the full 3 year period, these are: Mr Tony Amalraj, Mrs May Berryman, Mr Brian Ferguson and Mrs Rachel Mochrie. In addition the Clerk proposed that Mrs Lesley Campbell be elected for a period of one year. This proposal was seconded by Mr Ian Boyd. The meeting agreed. This gives us 14 members. The Chairman asked for proposals from the floor. Mrs Ann McQuillan proposed that Mrs Rosalind Gibb be elected for the full 3 year period. This was seconded by Mrs Maureen Sharp. The meeting agreed. Mrs May Berryman proposed that Mrs Ishbel Kane be elected for the full 3 year period. This was seconded by Miss Hazel Berryman. The meeting agreed. Mrs Helen Kerr proposed that Mrs Lesley Struthers be elected for the full 3 year period. This was seconded by Mrs Sandra West. The meeting agreed. Mrs Margaret Watson proposed that Mr Billy Prentice be elected for the full 3 year period. This was seconded by Mr Alex Watson. The meeting agreed. There were no further proposals from the floor at this time. This means there are now currently 18 elected Board members. The election of the Examiner Mr Douglas Blaney, who has expressed his willingness to do this, was proposed by Mrs Isobel Malcolm, and seconded by Mr Pat McGuire. The meeting agreed. Mr Stewart Laurie was proposed as the Auditor of individual Organisation Accounts by Mrs Maureen Sharp and seconded by Mr Archie Malcolm. The meeting agreed.

Chairman's Remarks The Chairman, the Rev Graham Atkinson explained that as we have all sat through the Service this morning, rather than give a list of thanks, he wished to be more biblical, and to say how grateful he is to God for this Church, for this fellowship, and what a privilege it is to serve here alongside those who also give of their time, talents and money. We talk of this fellowship as being like a family. That is not just a nice image, but is true. But like a family, a church is also a place where we can be frustrated, irritated, and can cause stress, and all of these things are part of being a family, but it is also the place where more than anywhere else in the world, we belong, where our faith was given birth, and where we are nurtured and brought on to maturity, and that is the part of the family we should focus on and celebrate, because the Lord is here, the Lord does work through the efforts that we make on his behalf. The Chairman hoped that his own gratitude is evident to everyone, and the only way he can think for everyone to express this is with a round of applause in praise and gratitude for what the Lord has given us here, and for serving together.

A.O.C.B. Mr Mackenzie asked for an update on the situation regarding the employment of a Youth Worker, as there had not been any information for some time. Mr Hosie explained that a team has now been put together (trustees), which includes someone from SU, and also a member from Kenmuir Church. This team was put together, and in the first instance must gain Charitable Status. A proposal has been forwarded to Kenny McKie from Scripture Union, to check that all the information required for Charitable status is included. This will then be forwarded to Charity Scotland and is likely to take several weeks to obtain. Once this is obtained, the team will move forward with applying for grants from a variety of sources, who they have already researched, and who are known to support Christian and Youth Work activities. The team (trustees) have now created a name for the charity "Sandyhills/Kenmuir Christian Eastend Youth Trust" and envisage obtaining funding for the Youth worker project for several years. It was noted that Kenmuir Church are giving personnel support for this, but at present are unable to contribute a budget. Sandyhills Church have agreed to contribute a maximum of £45,000 which would kick start the project, and extra funding would be sought as mentioned above.

Date of Next Meeting There being no further business the date of the next Board meeting was announced for Tuesday 18th April 2017. The Chairman closed the meeting with the Grace.