

Minutes for MfWfCA 12th May 2024

Worship

Present: 4 in person and 1 online

1) Treasurers Report.

We have been given an update on the current state of our finances by our treasurer. Our current balance is £12,141.47. We agree that our rents increase annually from January each year, with a Review each September MfWfCA. The suggested increase for January 2025 will be £2 per hour, following research by Lucy (Lettings Clerk)

2) Website Report.

We have heard from Lucy and Caz about the progress they have made so far with creating our new website. Progress is continuing, and the required information is about to be submitted to the website designer.

3) Kindlers and other Educational opportunities.

We have looked at the current courses offered by Kindlers. We agree that this Autumn we hold a Retreat, and will request Lynn Tonges to co-lead it with a member of our Meeting. We agree to hold a Kindlers event in Feb/March 25. The topic is still to be decided.

4) Providing a Warm Space/Hot Spot in Meeting House.

We have discussed the possibilities regarding the use of the Meeting House as a Hot Spot during the coming winter. We agree that we are not equipped with the personnel to manage one. We will liaise with Churches Together about offering the Meeting House as a warm space, to be managed by other volunteers.

5) Discovering Quakers Outreach.

The Discovering Quaker Outreach project would like us to sign up for their service to our Quaker Community. We are agreed that it would be a useful way to reach the wider community through social media and other resources.

6) Bereaved by Suicide – monthly Meetings.

The volunteers who manage Companions in Bereavement, in order to comply with legal requirements, have now a designated Supervisor, Rev Chris Copsey, who is Chaplain to the Coroner. She is experienced in working with bereavement from suicide. In lieu of payment for her services bi-monthly, she has requested instead that we offer her a once monthly room to meet with her clients in a social setting.

Minute : We agree in principle that Rev Chris Copsey have the free use of a room once a month for those bereaved by suicide, in exchange for her role as supervisor for Companions in Bereavement. She will need to contact the Lettings Clerk.

7) Property: We agree to pay the £700 requested by AM to cover the cost of the Churches Conservation Trust.. We have queries about whether the CCT has completed the work previously agreed. Sue Baxter is to raise this with Sue Sharpe and CCT. To be discussed at our next MfWfCA