MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ELGIN HIGH CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL BOARD HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL ON THURSDAY APRIL 27th 2006.

The Minister, Rev Julie Woods opened the meeting with a Bible reading and Prayer.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted on behalf of Mrs Oswald, Mrs Easterling, Mrs Junor, Mrs Urquhart, Mrs Cameron, F Harris. N Roger, J Morrison, W Duncan, J Roger , G Rae and E Stuart.

ATTENDANCE

There were 40 members present.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been displayed in the Hall for over a month were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Mrs Smith, seconded by Mrs Rae.

CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk read out the mail he had received. One was regarding Readings from the Chancel during morning worship not being heard by some of the congregation. The Session Clerk was requested to ask those who assisted during services to adjust the microphone before the service started to ensure their voice carried well. A request was also made that those addressing Board meetings from the floor, stand and speak up.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer reported on the Summary of funds, the Offerings received over the last Quarter and all payments made since the last meeting.

Mr Shayer gave details of the combined payments contributed to Edinburgh in 2005 and the forecast for 2006. He then spoke about the annual review of salaries to the staff. After a short discussion on the subject. Members agreed that a 3% increase be granted to all employees. This was agreed by the Board members. The Treasurer reported that a cheque for £100 had been received from the B.B.C. following the Radio broadcast made from the Church at Christmas. Mr Hay said that although an increase in Offerings had been made over the last Quarter, he thought that consideration should be given to do some Fund raising. Members were requested to give this some thought and bring forward any ideas.

PROPERTY REPORT

The Convenor addressed the meeting and gave a progress report on work completed since the previous meeting. Mr Urquhart then outlined work that he was requesting Board members approve be carried out, members agreed the following work be undertook. 1. New Wheelchair accommodation. 2. A Handrail for the North West door. 3. Replacement of the P.A. system in the Church. 4 Repairs to the Hall Roof lights 5. Replace and upgrade the oven in the Manse. The Convenor then went over a Five year expenditure plan the committee had put together.

SOCIAL REPORT

A Social report was given by Mrs Rae who informed members of the recent successful social events that have taken place. She reported that the committee have decided to cancel the Treasure Hunt planned for August and the committee have met and planned a programme for 2006/2007 subject to the June Planning meetings approval.

HALL REPORT

Mrs A Garrow the new Convenor addressed the meeting to remind members of the charges for Lets and to inform members that the committee were working quietly in the background to ensure all is well.

MINI BUS

Mr Morrison, Mini Bus convenor then addressed the meeting regarding the state of the Mini Bus. He said the vehicle had passed its M.O.T. and it was being used by various Church organisations. Members agreed that the vehicle be kept on the Road and it's use reviewed in February 2007 before the next vehicle inspection is due. A vote of thanks was made to Mr Morrison for all the work he does in relation to the vehicles use.

OTHER MATTERS

The Clerk reminded all organisations about the Church Planning meeting in June and requested that they meet beforehand and have a representative present at that meeting to outline their requests for 2006/2007.

The Minister requested assistance for members to be present at the Bible Road Show that will be in Elgin during the first week in May.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

After announcing that the next Board meeting will take place on Thursday June 29th , the Minister closed the meeting with the Benediction.

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Minister. Clerk to the Board. Date.