

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ELGIN HIGH CHURCH
CONGREGATIONAL BOARD
HELD IN THE CHURCH ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 5th 2007**

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

APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted on behalf of Mrs Rae, Mrs Kessock, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Strachan, Mrs McPherson, Mrs Smith, Mr & Mrs Stewart, Mr & Mrs G Roger, Mr & Mrs R Roger, Mr & Mrs Junor, A Allardice, W Duncan.

ATTENDANCE

There were 35 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 Grant seconded by N Sutherland.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported on letters sent and all the mail he had received since the last meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer gave a report of all the financial transactions that had taken place since the previous meeting. He then went through a Draft of the Accounts for 2006 and the Budget for 2007. The Treasurer reported that all the individual groups have had their accounts audited and the Auditors were thanked for all they do. These were accepted by the members and will be presented at the A.G.M. in March. they will be audited by F Harris as usual and Mrs Harris who has kindly offered her services. The Treasurer reported that there appears to have an excessive consumption of Electric this year and the Property Convenor will investigate it. Mrs Cameron will be requested to look at whether we should cut down on the number of Life and Work magazines we order as there appears to be quite a few unsold copies.

PROPERTY REPORT

The Convenor, Mr Urquhart. Spoke of all the work that had been done since the last meeting, work outstanding together with future plans for the current session. The Convenor then presented a review of all property costs during 2006 which had resulted in an overspend of £8,500 on the Budget submitted in 2006. He presented a Budget for 2007 and after some discussion certain items that were considered desirable but not essential would be shelved and a forecast of £14,670 was accepted by the members.

This will be presented to the Congregation at the A.G.M. Mr N Sutherland then addressed the members regarding his concerns about the future of our Building. It was agreed that his concerns would be made known to the Congregation at the AG.M. and the subject will be discussed again by the Board in the near future.

SOCIAL REPORT

A Social report was given by Mrs Rae who informed members about the Annual Quiz that was taking place later in the week.

HALL REPORT

This was presented by the Mrs Garrow the Convenor who informed members of the Hall booking that have been made.

FUND RAISING.

Mrs Urquhart informed members that in order to achieve success in raising funds assistance was urgently requested from members will to join a committee. There were plans to hold a Concert later in the month, A Wine Tasting on April 20th, A Dance on June 23rd and a Pampered Chef event on September 28th provided help is forthcoming.

MINI BUS.

A Report having been circulated to members regarding the serviceability and usage of the vehicle resulted in members being quite happy that the Vehicle continues to be used.

SPRING FAIR.

The Clerk requested that assistance is needed if a Spring Fair was to be held this year as the Guild who had previously co-ordinated the event were no longer operating. Mrs A Grant assisted to help and D Trotter said he would ask his wife if she would be willing to oversee the event.

ELECTION OF A CLERK

Members, having heard earlier that the Clerk was resigning were asked to approve the appointment of a new Clerk. Mr Crossland said that the Minister had approached C Fraser and following a meeting with him and the Minister to see what was involved, Mr Fraser agreed to accept the position if Board members agreed. His appointment was then proposed by Mr Crossland and seconded by Mr McLeod and agreed unanimously. Mr Fraser will take up the duty following the A.G.M. in March.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

Mr Farquhar informed members that Rev J Evans will be celebrating his 90th birthday in April and enquired if there was interest in holding a special Lunch with Mr Evans to celebrate the occasion. He informed members that he had approached a local Hotel willing to cater for us. Members gave approval to the suggestion and Mr Farquhar will speak to Mr Evan's son. It is hoped that Mr Farquhar will undertake the organization of the celebration.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

After announcing that the Stated Annual General Meeting will take place after morning worship on Sunday March 25th and the next regular meeting will be on April 23rd, the Minister closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Minister.

Clerk to the Board.

Date