

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ELGIN HIGH CHURCH  
CONGREGATIONAL BOARD  
HELD IN THE CHURCH ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2006.**

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

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies were accepted on behalf of Mrs Richards, Mrs Cameron, Mrs Strachan, Mrs Hyland, Mr and Mrs R Roger, Mr and Mrs Junor, C Fraser, John Morrison, H Davidson, A Alladyce, N Sutherland, G Rae, P Fyffe, E Stuart and W Duncan.

**ATTENDANCE**

There were 33 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 F Harris, seconded by C Stewart.

**MATTERS ARISING.**

Mr Farquhar said that details of recent Bequests had not been included in the Minutes. He was assured that the details are on File and are recorded in the Treasurers Reports. The Minutes are a summary of what took place at the last meeting.

**CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported on letters sent and Advertising he had arranged regarding the Christmas Bazaar and Fund Raising He then went through 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. And presented a Summary of Funds. He then explained the current position regarding the Window Fund. He, together with all those who do so much to generate funds, were thanked for all they do.

**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. He reported that as a result of all the extra work that had been necessary, by the end of the financial year there would be a possible overspend of £3126.58. The Convenor went on to speak about a Toilet for the Disabled but as no room of the minimum size requirements was available further discussions will be held within the Property committee. Mr Urquhart spoke about plans for wheelchair access within the Church and the provision of a Prayer Sanctuary.

The cost of all the work involved to carry out the jobs would take up all the money recently received in Bequests. The work to be done was approved in Principle but details would be brought to the Board for discussion at the end of the Financial year. The Minister requested that the provision of a Hand Rail at the North West door be given urgent consideration as two members stumbled and nearly fell at the previous Service. This matter was discussed and following a suggestion put by W Jeans, The provision of a Hand Rail will be investigated with some urgency.

**SOCIAL REPORT**

A Social report was given by Mrs Rae who informed members a Scots Night Meal and Concert will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> and members were asked to support it.

**HALL REPORT**

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

**FUND RAISING.**

The Clerk said the three members of the Board had come forward to offer their services to set up a committee but there had been no response from non Board members of the Congregation. Mrs Urquhart, one of the volunteers then spoke of ideas they had together with names of people they would approach to assist, but pointed out that a committee would not come about unless members were willing to volunteer their services.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.**

The Clerk said he had been speaking to Mrs Trotter who was coordinating the event on November 18<sup>th</sup>, He said Moira was delighted with the offers of help received and the Clerk requested that all Board members support the event. The Clerk then went on to report that he was organising the purchase of Christmas Trees and the decoration of them on December 9<sup>th</sup>. He pointed out to members that it was the same few people doing the work and requested others become involved so that there is a few who know what is involved.

**CHURCH MUSIC.**

The Minister said she had spoken to the Organists regarding the use of the latest edition of Mission Praise in addition to CH4. The Minister said she was bringing the matter to the attention of the Board and asked members to look at all the Pro's and Con's regarding the purchase of Mission Praise and asked the Clerk to have this item added to the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

After announcing that the next Board meeting will take place on Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> 2007 the Minister closed the meeting with the Benediction.

Minister

Clerk to the Board

Date