

The Friends of St Anne's Church, Kew

Registered Charity No. 1085389

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in St Anne's Church Hall, Kew on 8 June 2019

There was a quorum. Apologies had been submitted by John Armistead, Anne Barker, Rosemary Charles, George Chesman, Paul Booth, Bill Cottle, Marion Goodgame, Anthony and Patricia Holme, John Holt, Cate Lyon, Isobel and John Moses, Joan and Derek Stanton, Peter and Tina Ruygrok, and Peter Watson.

The Rev. Nigel Worn (NW), President, chaired the meeting initially.

1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 June 2018

The Minutes were approved.

2 Election of Executive Committee

NW advised members of the retirement of Anne Barker, one of the founding members of The Friends and its longtime Treasurer. He paid tribute to her hard work for The Friends and commended her accounts, which he said were always presented in a very clear manner. He asked that the members record our thanks to her, which was agreed by all.

He then referred to the officers indicated on the agenda as offering themselves for election, which are the following:

Lady Lorraine Neale (LN), Chairman; George Chesman, Treasurer; and Benjamin Jones, Secretary.

He noted five other members offering themselves for election as elected representatives: Paul Booth, Wendy Booth, Phyllis Cunningham, Belinda Pethick and Gemma Roundell.

All were proposed by Uta Thompson and seconded by Philip Deer. They were unanimously elected. He then passed the chair to Lorraine Neale.

3 Annual Report and Accounts

Copies of the annual report for the year 6 April 2018 to 5 April 2019, including a statement of account for that period, had been distributed to those members attending. LN presented the annual report and financial statement and asked if there were any questions. In the absence of questions she asked the members to approve the report and accounts, which was done, Robin Goodgame proposing and Telfer Saywell seconding.

LN noted that we are in the process of repairing the church wall, which is expected to cost The Friends an additional £53,000. NW confirmed that the work should be completed by the end of this Summer.

4 Other Business

- Comments - Ian Lewty complimented the committee on the programme of events but commented that there was sometimes a problem with audibility and visibility, especially with one of the events in the Hall where the speaker was very hard to hear. This could discourage people from coming. He wondered if a microphone could be considered. NW said that there is a loop system in the Hall, as in the Church, for people with hearing aids to pick up, but he was not sure it was operating. Daphne Jarden confirmed that she could not even hear what Ian had said and suggested that speakers always stand up. It was agreed the committee should look into the issues. As to visibility, it was suggested that a blind on the window at the south (church) end of the Hall would be desirable, though that would be a matter for the PCC. Carole Broughan commented that it was difficult to find details of the AGM on the website. Wendy said that this was probably because it was under "Governance" and not immediately visible. Paul agreed that there should be a link to it on the home page.
- Membership – Wendy Booth noted that this year's membership as of today is 154, exactly the same as last year. She reminded members attending that we must have their written consent in order to send them notices (other than AGM-related) and asked that any who had not already given us their email addresses and consent should consider doing so.
- Website – Paul noted that the website is up and running. He asked if any member might be willing, or know someone willing, to help in the updating of the site. For example, it would be good to have reviews of events on the site after each event.
- Events – LN advised members that we are planning a full programme of events for the autumn and next year and hopefully a schedule of (at least some of) those events will be available by August. She asked members for any ideas of what they might want or links to people for possible events.

NW expressed how much the church values the work of The Friends, not only for the money raised but also for the entertainment provided by the events. He especially commended Lorraine Neale whose energy and dynamism make it hard for people to "say no".

There being no further business, LN thanked the members for their attendance and closed the meeting.