

Cardiff and Caerphilly Methodist Circuit
Mission Committee

Minutes of meeting

Date : 19 September 2018
Venue: Radyr Methodist Church
Time: 7.30pm

Present

Pauline Tang - *Radyr* (Chair) (PT)
Reverend Nick Oborski – *Superintendent* (NO)
Reverend Koffi Amissah – *Presbyter* (KA)
Judith Powell – *Whitchurch*
Peter Richards – *Llandaff North* (PR)
Martin Hunt – *Cathays*
Jackie Phillips – *St Andrews*
Gill Peace – *St Andrews*
Matt Barry – *Wesley Canton* (MB)

1. PT opened the meeting with prayers and devotions.
2. PT invited MB to act as secretary for tonight's meeting. MB agreed!

Apologies

3. Apologies were received from:
 - Sue Morris - *Cathays*
 - Keith Norton - *St Andrews*
 - Ann Meyrick - *St Andrews*
 - Cath Taylor - *Radyr*
 - Judith Snook – *Ely*

Minutes of the last meeting (21 May 2018)

4. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved subject to the following amendments:
 - i. KA is a presbyter, not a trainee presbyter
 - ii. Manu is not a trainee minister; it was suggested that student minister was probably the more accurate description.

5. The minutes were otherwise signed as accurate by PT.

Matters Arising

6. NO was asked if he could provide some feedback from 'Re-imagine'. NO had attended along with some other ministers from circuit. Some good ideas and practices had been raised which NO was implementing in staff meetings etc. One interesting issue was the use of branding to create a shared identity for groups of churches/circuits.
7. The role of secretary to this committee was raised.

AGREED :

- a. the role of secretary would simply be a minute secretary to take notes at the meeting and type them up afterwards.*
- b. The role of minute secretary would rotate between those attendees willing/able to volunteer from meeting to meeting.*
- c. PT agreed to be responsible for preparing the agenda for the meetings*

ACTION :

- d. PT would be responsible for preparing the agendas and would forward them to Lisa Medina for them to be distributed through the circuit office.**

Circuit Mission Committee – reflection and discussion

8. PT had compiled a helpful list of questions for reflection and discussion looking at the 'raison d'être' of the committee.
9. Discussion took place about the number of churches that were represented on the committee and the awareness of the committee in the circuit/churches.

ACTION:

- a. PT would write to each church's senior steward to notify them of the committee and the meeting date and to invite anyone that has an interest/passion in mission to attend the next meeting. PT will cc in the ministers so that they are aware of the invite. This is an open invitation : all are welcome!**
- b. PT would forward the minutes to the circuit office for them to be displayed on the circuit website.**
- c. NO would invite someone from the Trinity Centre to attend a mission committee meeting.**

10. What is the vision of the committee? What do we do? Various things were discussed :

- i. One suggestion was to organise a statement piece once a year. Members were reminded of the successful exhibition of the talents that had taken place in the past.
- ii. Members expressed their appreciation of the sharing of campaigns/ideas to cascade back to the churches.
- iii. The circuit mission service
- iv. In the past work shops and discussion groups had taken place.
- v. In the past events such as Sea Sunday in the Bay, and a missions BBQ had taken place.
- vi. Carol singing on the steps of St David's Hall.

11. It was identified that there was a pull between world mission and local mission. Should there be a move to split the committee into 'world' and 'home'?

AGREED

Now was probably not time to make the decision as to whether the groups should be split. It was agreed that this would be kept in mind as future discussions about the scope of the committee took place.

12. It was noted that there were things going on at a circuit level on the 'home' front (Trinity Centre, the idea of a pioneer minister for Plas Dwr in West Cluster) but that more thought was needed about world mission.

13. Members were invited to describe the committee:

"friendly" "inspiring" "encouraging" "sharing" "learning"

14. Members were also invited to describe what motivated their passion for mission:

"bringing people to Jesus"

"sharing good news"

"abundant life for all; globally"

"the church being seen in the community"

"relationships: showing people the love of Christ"

15. What is mission? NO invited KA to give his interpretation of mission. KA described how mission was "how we reach out to the immediate environs with the gospel", it

is “anything that takes the church out into the community”, it was intentionally “making the church visible”.

16. NO shared that he was making every church aware of his expectation that there would be space in every service for members of the congregation to come forward to give their testimony. This would be a chance for people to share good things that happened to them and to give thanks to God.
17. It was identified that communication was sometimes an issue. Improvements to communication could include things like having a database of housegroups across the circuit.

AGREED

Mission events and actions should be sent to the circuit office for inclusion in the Plan/newsletter.

18. It was noted that mission committee meeting had been taking place three times a year. It was felt that this sometimes impeded things being achieved due to the gap between meetings.

AGREED

In future meetings would take place four times a year.

19. Carol singing on the steps of St David’s Hall was identified as being a really worthwhile event which gave opportunity for witness and discussion. This was usually the Saturday before Christmas.

AGREED

There should be a leaflet for distribution during the carol singing detailing what was going on over Christmas in the various churches.

ACTION

- a. **PT to contact ST David’s Hall and John Wickett (choir master)**
- b. **NO to liaise with Lisa Medina to compile a list of Christmas services**

Mission Fund Update

20. PR distributed a shedule of the Mission in Britain collections. The circuit overall officially collected £3,252. It was noted that whilst on the official figures it looked as if the collections were £200 down on last year this was only because the Conway Road collection had come in too late to be counted in the official total. Once their collection was included we were in fact over £200 up on last year! It was also noted that some collections may have been sent to MiB direct rather than through PR/Circuit.

A.O.B.

21. None.

Next meeting

22. It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on **Wednesday 23 January 2019** at 7.30pm at Radyr Methodist Church.

AGREED

NO could pick dates for the meetings over the next 12 months in advance to assist with compiling a long term calendar of circuit dates.

ACTION

- a. NO would notify the circuit meeting of the date of the next meeting and encourage/invite attendance, especially from churches not currently represented.**
- b. Members would bring an example of something that has been successful to share at the next meeting.**

23. PT closed the meeting with a prayer.

24. All members thanked PT for her service in convening and chairing the meeting.
