

**NORTH PARISH CHURCH, STIRLING  
MEETING OF THE KIRK SESSION HELD ON  
TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2019**

**1176 CONSTITUTION OF MEETING.**

Rev. Scott McInnes welcomed the Kirk Session and thanked them for their attendance. Scott opened the meeting with a reading from 1 Peter 1:22 – 2:3. He then constituted the meeting with prayer.

**1177 SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES.**

The Meeting took place in the Murray Hall at 7:30pm on Tuesday the 23rd April 2019. The names of the 14 Elders in attendance were recorded in the Sederunt Book. There were 7 apologies.

**1178 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the Kirk Session meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved and accepted by the Kirk Session

**1179 MATTERS ARISING**

**Messy Church**

A steering group review and discussion of Messy Church will be held after the morning service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. A lunch will be provided for those who have been involved in the planning and work of Messy Church.

Scott had applied for 'Go for it' funding which has been turned down as the application had been made for a step grant instead of a pilot grant.

Scott will re-apply. The Kirk Session approved.

**Mission Week.**

Scott said that only 7 people have signed up as volunteers to help at the Holiday Club in August. We need more people and Scott asked the Session to encourage more people to sign up otherwise we may not be able to run a holiday club. He gave a brief outline of activities and catering for the week.

**1180 SUMMER EVENING SERVICE.**

There will be no evening services during July and August.

Heart and Soul concert will be held at the Assembly buildings on Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Scott suggested that it would be good to attend this instead of an evening service.

Alasdair agreed to drive the mini bus. The Kirk Session approved..

**1181 PRESBYTERY REPORT**

There was no Presbytery report available at this meeting. Allan McCallum has requested to step down as Presbytery Elder. Scott asked members of the Kirk Session to consider if anyone would be will to take on this important role.

**1182 SAFEGUARDING**

Safeguarding report was not available at this meeting. Discussion had been held regarding safeguarding for the holiday club week. The team coming from Ireland have appropriate safeguarding partnership documents. Julie Hatty, who is leading the team, is safeguarding officer for Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Bangor.

**1183 ROLL KEEPERS REPORT/**

Mrs Annis Smith reported that two of our Communicant members have recently died. Mr Andrew Stevenson, and Miss Evelyn Arthur

**1184 CORRESPONDENCE**

Maureen has been given a letter from Crossreach, asking us to consider giving financial support to "Guardian Angel Appeal" which supports women who are suffering from post natal depression. The Kirk Session approved a retiral collection on June 9<sup>th</sup> which is Pentecostal Sunday in aid of this project.

**1185 A.O.C.B.**

**Pastoral Care.**

At the Kirk Session Conference on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March pastoral care was discussed and how we can improve the pastoral care we give and where also we begin.

It was agreed that we need to begin with checking the Communion Roll as there may be a lot of members who are no longer living in the area or possibly may have died.

The members of the Session were asked to prayerfully consider what we need to work on. This will be discussed at the next Kirk Session meeting.

**Compassionate leave.**

Scott informed the Kirk Session that he would be needing two weeks compassionate leave in May. Dates are to be confirmed. The Kirk Session agreed to his leave.

**1186 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Kirk Session meeting is on 4th June 2019 at 7:30pm

**1187 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting was closed with prayer.

.....Minister .....Session Clerk