

**NORTH PARISH CHURCH, STIRLING.
MEETING OF THE KIRK SESSION, HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST 2019**

1204 CONSTITUTION OF MEETING.

Rev. Scott McInnes welcomed the members of the Kirk Session and thanked them for their attendance. He opened the meeting with a reading from 1 Peter 5:1-7. He then constituted the meeting with prayer. Scott spoke about the role of the elders in the Church today. It is not only the minister who is called to lead. We are all part of one body, bound by Jesus blood. We are called together to lead the congregation under the leadership of Jesus and to focus on how we look after our own flock. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was observed by sharing the bread and the wine.

1205 SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

The meeting took place in the Sanctuary on Wednesday 28th August 2018. The names of the 18 elders present were recorded in the Sederunt Book with apologies from another 6.

1206 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Kirk Session meeting on the 17th June, were approved and accepted by the Kirk Session.

1207 MATTERS ARISING

- **Pastoral Care.** Elders are to gather on Monday 23rd September 2018 at 10am. It was agreed to invite members of the congregation, who have not been to church for some time, to a "Back to Church Sunday". This had been provisionally decided to take place on Sunday 29th September. However it was felt that there was not enough time to make arrangements. The Guild lunch will still be held on that date.
- **Next step working group.** Scott has asked 5 people to be part of this group. Emma Cummins and Anne Grier, who are elders, Sheena Rennie and Linda Watson, who are members of the congregational board and Aileen Brown who is a leader in mini-zone. He would like one more person on the team.
- **Prayer meeting.** As we no longer have an evening service, Scott, Hunter and Gordon have been discussing having a regular prayer meeting. It was agreed that regular prayer is vital for every church. It was agreed to have a fortnightly prayer meeting on Monday afternoons, between 1pm and 2pm. The first prayer meeting will be held on Monday 9th September. Sheena will put this in the church notices, also a reminder that this meeting is in addition to the Sunday morning prayer meeting, and is not a replacement.

1208 HARVEST SERVICE/COMMUNION

The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday 6th of October. Donations for Start-up Stirling will be requested for this service and the church will be decorated. Scott spoke about the way in which the Sacrament of Holy Communion is served and suggested that it could be done differently. He would like the elders serving to be served first, followed by the congregation. After some discussion the Session agreed that there would be no change in the way we serve. Scott asked the Session if they would be willing to use the Common Cup for the wine. Some of the elders were unhappy about sharing the Cup and it was agreed not to use it.

1209 MISSION WEEK/

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During Mission Week, the holiday club was held every morning, 2 games afternoons were held, 4 evening meetings and messy church service on the Friday evening.

Scott asked for comments on how the Session felt the week had gone. It was felt that it had been very positive week with happy children and happy parents. The afternoon events were also well attended and very enjoyable. Some children were tired by the afternoon although most responded well. The teen zone evening had been excellent and the teenagers had helped during the week with the children at holiday club.

Publicity is very good as everyone know when events such as Messy Church is on. It is advertised in Facebook, posters in shops, the church website and by word of mouth. Scott said that Sheena does an excellent job on the church website.

The team from Bangor was much appreciated. They were well looked after by host families in Stirling North, and have expressed their thanks. Maureen will send thank you cards to all who helped.

1210 SETTING THE AGENDA

The Kirk Session was asked to think about how we build our pastoral care, holiday club, teen zone and messy church, and what should our priorities be? The elders gathered into group to discuss this, and then discussed their thoughts and ideas with Scott.

It was felt that our first priority is to review our Church Congregational Roll. We would also like to encourage our teenagers who come to church and outreach to the community.

To that end the Kirk Session agreed to start a group for S1 – S6.

1211 PRESBYTERY REPORT

Presbytery has not met during the summer months. There is no report for this meeting.

1212 SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding report not available at this meeting.

1213 ROLL KEEPER REPORT

Annis has received transference certificates from Anna and Alan Stevenson, and Ian McCallum.

Annis has added their names to the Communion Roll.

Scott would like to hold a course for people who have transference certificates and would like to become members of Stirling North. He would also like the young people who have been coming to church, to attend the course and consider membership. The Kirk Session agreed.

1214 CORRESPONDENCE.

The Depute Clerk, Edward Morton has sent an email on behalf of Rev. Maggie Roderick regarding worship leader training. Anyone who wishes to apply for this course can get an application form from Maureen. The first course will allow participants to lead worship in their own parish.

A second course will follow in due course for those wishing to lead worship else where.

Edward Morton has sent an email on behalf of Jane Steel, requesting applications to be the new Captain of the 4th Stirling Boys Brigade. There is also a request for more leaders to grow their capability in encouraging more boys to join.

1215 A.O.C.B.

Beyond NYA one day conference at Stirling North Parish Church, Stirling on Saturday 28th September 10am – 4pm. This is to discuss life after the close of the National Youth Assembly . The conference/

/conference will be co-facilitated by Janet Foggie and Scott McInnes. Scott asked if anyone would be able to e/tea and coffee on arrival, and at lunch time. Maureen and Evelyn said they would be willing to do this.

Scott would like to attend a five day course which begins on the 28th of October 2019. The Kirk Session agreed to him attending this course.

Caroline Whyte, on of our missionary prayer partners is coming to Stirling North Parish Church on Sunday 13th October and will speak at the morning service. There will be a retiring collection for her at the end of the morning service.

Braehead Primary has requested use of the large hall one afternoon a week. This was agreed in principal and referred to the Congregational Board.

1216 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9th October 2019

1217 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed with prayer.

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