

Churches Together in Hemel Hempstead

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 17 June 2008

Hemel Hempstead Community Church
Haven House
London Road
7.30pm for 7.45pm

Minutes of AGM

1. The Vice-Chair, Graham Richardson opened the meeting and welcomed everyone with a time of prayer and worship at 7.45pm.
2. In attendance:
3. Apologies for Absence were received from Denise Cherwell, Rob McEwen (due to accident), Jane Wade (Sabbatical), Dave Middlebrook, James Reveley (Sabbatical), Peter Cotton, Arno Andreasen, Mary Bond, Sheila Riley, Sue Allen (family reasons).
4. Prayers were said for Rob McEwen who is recovering after a motorbike accident.
5. The minutes of the CTHH AGM dated 26 June 2007 were proposed by Norman Spink and seconded by Laretta Wilson. Approved.
6. The minutes of the CTHH FORUM dated 10 April 2008 were proposed by Graham Richardson and seconded by Laretta Wilson. Approved.
7. Hope 08. Various activities are taking place around the town.
 - a. Robert Enoch spoke about a DVD he made highlighting experiences of poverty in Hemel Hempstead.
 - i. The DVD was shown at the Dacorum Partnership Council meeting. Received very well by key leaders at the council. Excellent response to it already.
 - ii. Comments were made regarding the shifting demographic within Hemel Hempstead.
 - iii. Please encourage your churches to watch it, be challenged by it and think about what can be done.
 - b. Clare Barrs spoke about ReAct, a family fun day taking place at Gadebridge Park on Monday 28 July 2008 from 2pm – 5pm and outdoor service from 5.30pm – 7.00pm.
 - i. Will include music bands on the day
 - ii. Fun activities
 - iii. Includes prayer tent
 - iv. Outdoor meeting with Gospel presentation
 - v. Bands
 - vi. Please encourage your churches to get involved by communicating what's happening. 50 volunteers are required. Please see Clare Barrs. Lots of interesting ways to get involved.
 - vii. The fund raising target is £3000.00. This is being underwritten by the team and so far £1150.00 has been raised towards the cost.

- viii. Church Leaders: Please let us know what church activities, like Alpha etc, are taking place around the town.
 - c. Quest to Bless. Hampers made up and sent out via Christians Against Poverty
 - i. A dozen have gone out.
 - ii. GR urged people to encourage congregations to bring stuff in to Haven House.
8. CTHH website had fallen into disrepair.
 - a. Vaughan Allen (New Church Hemel) has taken it on and updated church details.
 - b. Enabling Group have been discussing changes.
 - c. VA encouraged people to go use it.
9. Directory: Norman Spink is working on updating it.
 - a. Updated papers will be sent out soon.
 - b. Please encourage church leaders to dig out their directories and use them.
 - c. Chris Jones reminded people that an agreement was made to keep the directory going.
 - d. Subscriptions were increased by £10 to cover the costs of the directory.
 - e. A discussion was had about the Data Protection Act and possible links with the site.
10. Mustard Seed: Penny Crosswell brought a report from the Mustard Seed AGM last October.
 - a. Now 28 volunteers involved.
 - b. Shop now open all day and hours regularized.
 - c. Stock has been reviewed and refreshed.
 - d. Looking at ways we can help churches.
 - e. Text and email ordering service is in place.
 - f. Book signings have been taking place.
 - g. Another book-signing to do with Micah Challenge coming soon.
 - h. Business still not breaking even.
 - i. On 15 July 2008 Board Meeting will take place regarding ongoing viability.
 - j. First two months up hugely and March/April down due to early Easter in 2008.
 - k. People can support by buying and supporting financially by Standing Order.
11. The Treasurer, Christopher Jones brought his report.
 - a. We are solvent.
 - b. 23 churches pay £40 subscription annually.
 - c. Anomaly regarding finance statement is due to change in collecting subscriptions in April.
 - d. Queries were made regarding level of budgeting for the Directory.
 - e. The report was proposed by Tim Johnson, seconded by Molly Tite. Approved.
 - f. Endeavours are being made to find an independent examiner to look at accounts.
12. The Chair brought his report and was received with interest by the FORUM.
 - a. Chair highlighted issues regarding LEGs
 - b. And encouraged people to achieve the objectives of CTHH.
 - c. There is still a real need for administrative support.
 - d. Laretta Wilson proposed the report. Christopher Jones seconded. Approved.
13. Voting took place to elect new officers.
 - a. Chair. Stephen Wood prepared to stand. Proposed by Norman Spink. Seconded by Christopher Jones. Approved.
 - b. Vice Chair. Graham Richardson willing to stand although was prepared to make way. Proposed by Jackie Jackson and seconded by Pat Marlow. Approved.
 - c. Treasurer. Christopher Jones prepared to stand. Proposed by Graham Richardson. Seconded by Jackie Jackson. Approved.

- d. Secretary. Dave Chapman (non-member) prepared to stand.
- e. Publicity Secretary. Vaughan Allen (non-member) would not be opposed in principle to continuing with activities re website.
- f. Enabling Group: Mary Bond, Jackie Jackson, Norman Spink, Laretta Wilson, Sheila Riley, Co-opted: Angela Such (youth), Dave Chapman (Secretary), Vaughan Allen (Publicity). Camille Fidget is standing down. Graham Richardson proposed. Christopher Jones seconded. Approved.

14. Date of next forum meeting: Thursday, 06 November 2008.

- a. Pencilled in for Salvation Army Hall. 7.30pm for 7.45pm. To be confirmed.

15. A time of prayer was had for all the many issues arising.

16. Stephen Wood closed in prayer. The meeting ended at 9.28pm.