

New St. Andrew's Parish Church, Coatbridge. Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at which place the Annual Stated Meeting of the congregation took place.

## **PRESENT**

The Rev. Fiona Nicolson, Chairperson, and eighty four members of the congregation. The Chairperson constituted the meeting with prayer.

## **COMMENTS**

The Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting and thanked them for attending this most important meeting. She thanked the congregation and office bearers for their support during the past year.

There had been many good things during the year with lots of new ideas, we look forward now to a busy year ahead here at New St. Andrew's.

John Williamson is now stepping down as Session Clerk. Dorothy Dunlop will now become Session Clerk. She congratulated them both and thanked them for all their support to herself over the years.

## **APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Elizabeth Llewellyn.

## **MINUTES**

The adoption of the minute of the Annual Stated Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 was proposed by Morag White and seconded by Georgia Gillespie.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Hugh McKee gave the following financial report.

The Annual Report has already been approved by the Trustees.

Looking first at the statement of financial activities, the total funds carried forward almost match with only a four hundred pounds difference. Offerings have shown a decrease down £7083 for the year.

Tax received on Gift Aid is also down from 2015 although it is noted that 2015 was an exceptional year.

Income from charitable activities was also slightly down. Other income, receipts from General Trustees of £19,956 was a transfer of our own money from Edinburgh.

Ministries and Mission allocation to New St. Andrew's has risen. Fabric Repairs & Maintenance has come down and is nearer what we normally spend. However, this is an old building and requires continual work carried out each year to keep the building in good shape.

Church office expenses is down from £3752 to £621. We purchased new equipment in 2015. Hugh noted our collections for charities during the year amounting to £3873.

Donations from the Boys' Brigade and Guides & Brownies were noted and much appreciated. Funds held on our behalf in Edinburgh was £96,755. Hugh thanked the team at New St. Andrew's who deal with our financial matters. Fiona thanked Hugh and Ronnie and all those who help them.

**ELECTION OF CLERK TO THE BOARD AND TREASURER**

Election of Matt Sprott as Clerk and Hugh McKee as Treasurer was proposed by George McCall and seconded by Joan Hamilton.

**ELECTION AND RE-ELECTION OF CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS**

The following Congregational Board Members retire this year by rotation. They all offer themselves for re-election.

Nan James, Margaret Rolls and Janice Seymour

This was agreed by the meeting.

Ian Brown and Scott Cornfield retire from the Board as from today. Emma Garvie resigned from the Congregational Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016. Sandy Stewart joined the Board on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Edward Poller and Ian Raeburn joined the Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016.

This leaves us with fourteen Congregational Board members and one Deacon. We are urgently requiring new Board members.

A nomination was received for Elaine Findlay. Proposed by John Williamson and seconded by Jean Grant.

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

John Williamson asked the congregation to appreciate how fortunate we are at New St. Andrew's to have Fiona as our minister. There are currently only two ministers in Coatbridge so Fiona has no colleagues to discuss all the different problems which arise daily when you are a minister. This means a lot of extra work piled on Fiona's shoulders. Our own parish is large and Fiona is always looking outward to include different groups. She copes very well and deals with any arising problems. John, on behalf of the members, wished Fiona health and strength in the coming year.

**CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The meeting closed with the saying of the Grace.

**Chairperson** .....

**Clerk** .....