

New St. Andrew's Parish Church, Coatbridge. Sunday 3rd April 2016 at which place the Annual Stated Meeting of the congregation took place.

PRESENT

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

COMMENTS

The Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting. Fiona thanked all those who remained behind for this important meeting.

She said that the past year had been a good year. Our finances are in good shape, we have good will with other churches joining them in various services throughout the year. We have been involved with foodbanks, the homeless, Home Comforts and so on. Also Safeguarding, which changes quite a lot, data protection is now a big thing where we must protect every person's identity. We will shortly be having a Local Church Review, where we will be looking back at what we have done and planning for the future, so busy times for all. Special thanks to John Williamson and Dorothy Dunlop for all their help and support over the past year. When you come into church and see everything running smoothly you probably don't realise all the work being done by all our office bearers and helpers, so my thanks to everyone involved. Lastly we now have a new Property Convener, Sandy Stewart, and Vice Property Convener, Douglas Crichton.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Sandy Stewart, Christine Nelson, Elizabeth Russell, Willie Russell, Elizabeth Llewellyn, Irene Callum and Janie McDonald.

MINUTES

The adoption of the minute of the Annual Stated Meeting of 22nd March 2015 was proposed by Carol Campbell and seconded by George McCall.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hugh McKee gave the following financial report.

Fabric Repairs and Maintenance

Fabric Repairs and Maintenance costs of £38,556 in 2014 and £35,636 in 2015 were both very high. Starting in 2014 firstly we were involved in the refurbishment of the Hall Kitchen. This was followed by the general refurbishment of the Halls. Included in this would be a sum for ongoing repairs which are required year on year. Our church properties are old and will always require maintenance and repairs. However, we would expect the sum for fabric repairs and maintenance would be somewhere in the region of £20,000 from now on.

Flower Fund

Although showing a healthy balance of funds at the end of 2015, the fund which many members of the congregation donate to shows that we are now spending more money than we are receiving.

Church Expenses

Expenses showed an increase in 2015 of £3127 over the 2014 figure. We required and purchased a new printer for the Church in 2015. The cost of the printer was donated by a member of the congregation.

Collections for Third Parties

2015 shows a decrease of £1613 from the 2014 figure. In 2014 we had a visit from the African Children’s Choir. This was their second visit to New St. Andrew’s and is the difference from 2014 to 2015.

Other income, receipts from General Trustees

This is moneys from the sale of Church properties held on our behalf in Edinburgh which we are able to draw upon when required.

Donations

Hugh acknowledged the donations received from uniformed and other organisations to Church funds which helps immensely.

The Chairperson and the Congregation thanked Hugh for his financial report, for looking after our finances and giving his usual clear explanation where required.

ELECTION AND RE-ELECTION OF CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

Ian Tennant and James MacInnes were ordained as elders on 31st May 2015 and transferred to Eldership. Linda Campbell resigned from the Congregational Board on 7th December 2015. Emma Garvie has moved home and has transferred to a church in Hamilton. We thank Linda and Emma for their service on the Congregational Board.

The following Congregational Board members retire this year by rotation. They all offer themselves for re-election. David Frame, Carol Campbell, Joan Hamilton, Ronnie Grant, Morag White. All of these members were re-elected. This leaves us with 13 Congregational Board members and 1 Deacon. Eddie Poller has agreed to join the Board. Eddie was proposed by Matt Sprott and seconded by John Williamson. Ian Raeburn has also agreed to join the Board

A.O.C.B.

John Williamson wished to thank Fiona on behalf of himself and the congregation. Last year had been a very busy year for Fiona with her involvement in Presbytery. This year has also been busy with lots of new things happening. She always seems to cope and carry on no matter what new challenges present themselves. On behalf of himself he wished to convey his personal support and the support of the congregation to Fiona.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed with prayer.

Chairperson

Clerk