

New St. Andrew's Parish Church, Coatbridge. Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 at which place the Annual Stated Meeting of the congregation took place.

## **PRESENT**

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

## **COMMENTS**

The Chairperson welcomed the members to the meeting. Fiona thanked those who remained behind for the meeting. She said that the past year had been a busy and a very successful year for New St. Andrew's Church and she looked forward to a similar year ahead with lots of different things happening.

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Christine Nelson, Janie McDonald and Jim Smith.

## **MINUTES**

The adoption of the minute of the Annual Stated Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2014 was proposed by Fiona Marwick and seconded by James McInnes.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Hugh McKee gave the following financial report.

Hugh told the congregation that the accounts had already been discussed and passed by the Trustees, our elders and Congregational Board members, but that it was Church of Scotland practice to also put the accounts before the congregation.

The first thing to note was our end of year balance went up from £151,248 in 2013 to £172,354 at the end of December 2014 an increase of £20,906. This was mainly due to members increasing their givings and a number of new members joining New St. Andrew's Church.

Our Ministries & Mission Allocation had gone down by over £7,000 in 2014 but this could go back up again in the future. Gas and electricity charges were also down.

Our collection for Third Parties went up from £2,101 in 2013 to £4,713 in 2014 due to the African Children's Choir Concert. This was the second visit we have had from the African Children's Choir.

Finally funds held on behalf of the congregation by the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh went down by £13,667.

Fiona thanked Hugh for his report and for looking after the financial affairs of our church. The congregation also showed their thanks to Hugh.

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

Four Congregational Board Members retire this year by rotation. All offer themselves for re-election; Georgia Gillespie, James McInnes, Christine Nelson and May Paton. The congregation approved re-election of these members. This leaves us with seventeen Congregational Board Members and leaves us short of the maximum number we can have. New members are urgently required.

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

Fiona wished to record her thanks to Hugh McKee and his finance team, Robin Marwick for all his work over the past year, his Property Committee, all leaders and members of organisations for all their help and assistance. Thanks also to John Williamson and Dorothy Dunlop for all the support and personal assistance over the past year. Lastly thanks to her congregation.

John Williamson, on behalf of the Congregation, said he was encouraged by the way that Fiona was coping with her heavy workload here at New St. Andrew's Church and with her duties as Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery. Fiona has several months to go as Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery and he wished her good health in the coming months and assured her of the support of himself and the congregation whilst carrying out her dual roles.

### **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The meeting closed by repeating the Grace.

**Chairperson** .....

**Clerk** .....