

New St. Andrew's Parish Church, Coatbridge. Sunday 23rd March 2014 at which place the Annual Stated Meeting of the congregation took place.

PRESENT

The Rev. Fiona Nicolson, Chairperson, and seventy 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 but expressed disappointment at the low turnout. Fiona spoke of, and gave thanks for, the Stewardship Programme which, although not many attended the meeting, had produced increased givings. She thanked those who helped with the programme. She recognised that the times were hard in society and she thanked members for giving sacrificially over the year.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Christine Nelson and Georgia Gillespie.

MINUTES

The adoption of the minute of the Annual Stated Meeting of 17th March 2013 was proposed by Janie McDonald and seconded by Carol Campbell.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hugh McKee gave the following financial report.

Hugh advised that, because of a very successful stewardship programme, WFO givings have gone up by £7762 over the previous year. There was also a knock-on effect from the stewardship programme with new or increased standing orders. Tax relief received is also up by £3140. All good news. The £7254 amount recorded under "unrestricted funds-others" is money from an insurance claim for hall roof repairs, damage which was caused by winter storms. Again during 2013 fundraising events have been very successful. Weddings and funeral income was down in 2013. This was due to the period when Fiona was on sick leave.

Ministries and Mission allocation has gone down for the first time for many years. Fabric repairs and maintenance costs during 2013 went up considerably, again we have our old building which is costly to maintain and repair and the costs during the year do not include the cost of installing our new kitchen in the hall but includes the cost of the new pew cushions. Church office expenses were up from the previous year but it was noted that a new machine had been purchased with monies from an anonymous donor.

Capital account funds held on behalf of the congregation by the Church of Scotland went down by £16370 roughly the amount spent on the kitchen improvement.

Budget: Hugh said he was happy this year to provide a balanced budget, some previous yearly budgets had shown significant deficits and at times we were juggling things to try to

pay all our bills. The adoption of the budget was proposed by Joan Hamilton and seconded by James McInnes. Fiona and the members of the congregation recorded their thanks to Hugh for all the work he does on our behalf.

ELECTION AND RE-ELECTION OF CONGREGATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

At the Annual Stated Meeting of 17th March 2013 we had 17 Board Members.

The following changes have taken place since 17th March 2013.

18th March 2013 Morag White joined the Board

24th March 2013 Jim Elder resigned from the Board

9th February 2013 Christine McCrone and Irene Callum were ordained as Elders and transferred to the Eldership.

The following Board Members retire by rotation. All offer themselves for re-election.

Carol Campbell, Scott Cornfield, Emma Jarvie, Margaret Rolls, Janice Seymour, Nan James, Ian Brown. The congregation approved the re-election of the above Board Members. This leaves 15 Board Members.

There were two nominations for membership of the Congregational Board.

Linda Campbell Proposed by James McInnes Seconded by Fiona Marwick

Ronnie Grant Proposed by James McInnes Seconded by Fiona Marwick

Fiona thanked both Linda and Ronnie for joining the Board.

A.O.C.B.

Fiona wished to record her thanks to Hugh McKee and his finance team, Robin Marwick and his Property Group, Matt and especially to John and Dorothy for managing things during her illness and afterwards when she was making slow progress back to good health. Lastly as everyone now knows she will start a very busy period from September 2014 onwards as Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery, but although she will be busy New St. Andrew's will always come first.

John thanked Fiona on his and the congregation's behalf for all the works she carries out. She has coped very well with her illness and we are glad she is back with us 100%. We are very fortunate at New St. Andrew's to have a Parish Minister and one as good as Fiona. Many other churches do not have a minister at all in these uncertain times. Fiona is involved in all the business, planning and running of our church. John congratulated Fiona on her appointment as Moderator of Hamilton Presbytery. He wished her success now and for the future.

CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed by repeating the Grace.

Chairperson

Clerk