

**FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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**Date**                    22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009                    **Place**                    Holy Trinity Church

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**Present**     John Rolfe-Dickinson (Trustee)  
                  Sandra Rolfe-Dickinson (Trustee)  
                  Judith McBride (Trustee)  
                  Martin Johnson (Trustee)  
                  Steve Price (Trustee)  
                  Grant Baker (Trustee)  
                  Rev Dieniol Heywood (Ex officio trustee)  
                  Janet Smith  
                  Heather Lund  
                  David Lund  
                  Muriel Miller  
                  Diana Johnson  
                  Elaine Hill  
                  Jerry Beck  
                  Kaye Beck  
                  Colin McBride  
                  John Wiles  
                  Mary Wiles  
                  David Hillas  
                  Veronica Priest

**1. Welcome**

Sandra Rolfe-Dickinson (SRD) opened the meeting and welcomed the attendees

**2. Appointment of a Chairman**

SRD explained that under the Constitution, all serving trustees must resign at the AGM, and a Chairman must be appointed for the purposes of this meeting. All were in favour of SRD taking this role.

**3. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:

Denis Thom  
Jane Thom  
Bob Swayne  
Laurel Swayne  
Tina Hillas  
Penny Price  
John Smith  
Diane Goford

**4. Minutes of the previous AGM**

These were agreed.

## **5. Report of the current Chairman of FOHT**

SRD explained that FOHT has had a full complement of trustees for the year, and we had welcomed Rev Deiniol Heywood in July to take up his position as ex-officio trustee.

The trustees have met on 9 occasions throughout the year

Membership of FOHT currently stands at 57, with 10 of those being outside the immediate church family

## **6. Election of Officers**

Chairman – Sandra Rolfe-Dickinson was proposed by Janet Smith and seconded by David Lund. All were in favour

Honorary Secretary – Martin Johnson was proposed by Steve Price and seconded by Judith McBride. All were in favour

Honorary Treasurer – John Rolfe-Dickinson was proposed by Colin McBride and seconded by Diana Johnson. All were in favour

## **7. Election of Members**

Judith McBride, Steve Price, Grant Baker, and Keith Davies stood again as trustees, and were proposed by Colin McBride and seconded by John Wiles. All were in favour.

## **8. FOHT Accounts**

### **Income, Donations and Fund Raising Activities**

Income and donations this year raised £2,384 compared to £2,819 the previous year. The main part of the difference is the reduced Gift Aid rebate. There was only one sponsored event- Beating the Bounds - this year compared to two last year. In addition last years accounts included subscription and donations rebates for two previous years. The remaining difference is related to slight differences in subscriptions and donations.

Fund raising activities undertaken during the year have raised a net total of £3,369 but, with outgoing expenses, netted £2,568, significantly more than the net £2,007 raised last year.

Firstly, the Beating of the Bounds Sponsored Walk in April was hugely successful and the weather on the day was a considerable improvement on the previous year's event. We raised a magnificent total of £1,226 which attracted £308 in Gift Aid tax rebate. This appears under the Gift Aid heading. Therefore the total raised was £1,534.

Secondly, the Spirit of Prestwood was a very successful day with pleasant weather to help us along. Income was £1,039 but there were total outgoings for the insurance and refreshments totalling £680. We consider this a "raising our profile" event and so netting £359 was a very nice bonus.

Thirdly the ever successful Autumn Concert raised a grand net total of £982 which was a huge improvement on the previous year's event

Income, interest and donations totalled £1,669 this year. This compares with £1,792 last year indicating a modest decrease in income. This is partly from reduced interest, £70, with the closing of the Halifax account. The remainder, £53, is a slightly reduced income from subscriptions/donations.

Two rebates in respect of Gift Aided subscriptions £427 and Beating the Bounds £308 were received. This is a reduction of £382 on the previous year.

In addition we received two rebates from the financial year 2007/2008. A sum of £1,000 was reimbursed from Churches Together from a grant paid to support a Youth Worker. In addition £95, expended for the Antiques Roadshow for a hall booking, was reimbursed.

### **Grants**

During the year there have been three grants made. The first grant was for new curtains in the Church Hall – a total of £209. The second was a £50 contribution to the Over 60s Holiday Club. Thirdly a grant of £199 was made for the provision of a wheel chair to assist our less mobile parishioners easy access into church from the car park.

### **Financial Position**

As detailed in the Financial Statements, the activities of the FOHT generated a net profit for the year of £5,562 (2007/08 deficit £1,611), after making grants of £458 (2007/08 £6,527). This, when added to the reserves of £5641 brought forward from last year, brought the General Reserve up to a total of £11,203.

### **The Future**

The trustees have started planning other events during the coming year. It is proposed to repeat the Autumn Concert on 3rd October 2009. It is also proposed to repeat the sponsored walk of the Parish boundary (Beating the Bounds) on Rogation Sunday 17th May 2009.

## **9. Floor open for discussion**

Colin McBride asked what further grants were being considered, and were they in favour of the church or the wider community? JRD replied that three grants had been discussed or made since the end of the last financial year. These were (1) a grant for providing furniture to the church office, (2) hymn books for church staff to allow more diverse music to be used in church, and (3) a new fridge for the Church Hall

David Lund commented that FOHT should have an article in each issue of the Trinity Herald. SRD replied that one had been missed, but that it was our intention to get an article in every one.

John Wiles added that the Bucks Free Press should be used to publicise events.

David Hillas further added that “The Source”, the local community newspaper should also be targeted.

SRD closed the meeting at 8pm, after Rev Deiniol Heywood had said Grace.