

LEEDS METHODIST MISSION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda 3rd October 2013

1. Welcome and introduction of committee members and those in attendance as we begin our new work together, and apologies for absence.
2. ***Towards an understanding of our purpose*** – a discussion paper circulated prior to the meeting and printed at the end of this agenda.
3. Prayer for our work and our meeting.
4. Minutes of the last meeting of the interim body.
5. Matters arising from those minutes that are still our concern and not on our agenda.
6. Notification of items of business other than those on the agenda. Items will not necessarily be dealt with at this meeting but may be raised here so that the committee is aware of issues that need to be addressed.
7. Vote of thanks to our Lay Staff for their dedication through this time of transition – Jenny Jones
8. Money matters – Bernard Neville
 - (a) Progress on year-end accounts
 - (b) Progress of arrangements to complete the splitting of accounts and reserves
 - (c) Signatories for accounts, and for Central Finance Board
9. Tenancies – how the building is populated
 - (a) Recent changes
 - (b) Leases and agreements
10. Property issues
 - (a) Dedicated room for the use of the Oxford Place Congregation
 - (b) Repairs and renewals
 - (c) Manse at Batcliffe Drive
 - (d) How to progress schemes
11. Safeguarding matters – Jenny Jones
12. Conferencing Issues – Philip Bee/Jenny Jones
13. Future business
 - (a) Development of budgets and authority to spend
 - (b) Robust line-management arrangements and salary review
 - (c) Development of sub-groups and devolved responsibility
 - (d) Advocacy of the work done through the Oxford Place Centre by us and our partner organisations
 - (e) Development and support of the work undertaken by the Deacon
 - (f) A proper approach to the stewardship of these buildings

- (g) Development of a robust and regular conversation with all the Leeds City Methodist Circuits
 - (h) Maintaining our awareness of and contact with other Church and Christian organisations that are also active in the city.
 - (i) Future meetings – a regular cycle for meetings and completion of financial matters
14. Any Other Business – items from (6) that it has been agreed we will work through at this meeting.
15. Date of next meeting or agreed mechanism to determine future dates following from the above conversations

TOWARDS AN UNDERSTANDING OF OUR PURPOSE – FOR CONVERSATION

1. We are to endeavour to join God's Mission to this city.
2. We are to serve the Methodist people who interact with this city as residents, (especially those who live in and around the city centre), workers, decision makers, and visitors both through the day and in the night time economy.
3. We are to be in partnership with, and at the service of, the Methodist Circuits who also inhabit and interact with this city
4. We are to be in partnership with other Churches and Christian organisations who seek to serve the Mission of God here.
5. We are to have a particular partnership with the Methodist congregation and seek appropriate relationships with other congregations who meet in the Oxford Place Centre.
6. We are to partner, as we are able, charities, enterprises, statutory authorities and individuals whose work expresses something of what we understand to be the values of the Kingdom of God as they work in this city.
7. We are to have a particular partnership with the organisations who share the Oxford Place Centre.
8. We are to manage appropriately this property both financially and structurally.
9. We are to ensure that the Oxford Place Centre is accessible to all as sacred space and that in its life and work it points to the way of Jesus for today.
10. We are to be accountable to the Leeds Methodist District for the work we do.

PETER WHITTAKER

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