

Minutes of the Congregational Board Meeting of Kilfinichen, Kilvickeon and the Tuesday
4th February 2020, Bunessan Church Meeting Room

1. **Welcome and Sederunt:** Rev. Jenny Earl (Minister/Chair), Mrs Gillian Morley (Treasurer), Mrs Alison McKenzie (Clerk to the Board), Mrs Linda Dawson (Session Clerk), Mrs Emily Lawson, Mr Andrew Smith, Mrs Anne Smith, Mrs Linda Cameron.

In attendance: Mrs Eleanor Wagstaff.

2. **Apologies:** Dr Andrew Todd.
3. **Constitution:** The meeting was constituted with an opening prayer by Rev. Jenny Earl.
4. **Approval of agenda and declaration of items not on the agenda:** Agenda approved with three items added
9.1 Organ
9.2 Film Night
9.3 Holidays
5. **Approval of minutes – 18th December 2019:** These were read out and were approved as accurate record, proposed by Mrs Linda Dawson and seconded by Mrs Linda Cameron.

6. **Finance Report**

Gill Morley (Treasurer) noted to the Board that the Annual Accounts for 2019 are about to be handed over to the external examiner.

The General Account has a total of £3709, deficit £4000.

The St. Ernan's account has a total of £2740 which includes £1000 from Waterfall Fund.

The Ecumenical Service raised £622 which will be donated towards Mary's Meals.

Jenny Earl reported that she contacted finance of Ministries and Mission over rental and is hoping that a decision is made soon.

7. **Property Report**

- 7.1 St. Ernan's

Linda Cameron noted to the Board that the Way Forward for St. Ernan's group had recently held a meeting on 28th January and issued minutes to the Board.

Jenny Earl advised of recent report from Church meeting in Craignure, regarding the future of the Church buildings.

The Way Forward group are hoping to update the Church's website and notice board. Eleanor Wagstaff has painted the existing notice board and just has lettering to complete.

There will be a presentation for members of Presbytery on 18th February at St. Ernan's church. Minutes to be sent to Alison McKenzie for distribution to the Board. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss both church properties to the Congregation.

Jenny Earl asked the opinion of the Way Forward for St. Ernan's group being a sub-committee.

Jenny stated that any decisions, regarding the church building, wait until we've had the visit from Presbytery and to hear their recommendations. The Board felt that Presbytery should be sent a copy of some questions that may be asked, so that they can provide as much information as possible. Jenny issued a copy of the letter that will be sent out to the Congregation and Church Members for discussion.

Display boards, with some ideas about plans, will be ready for viewing from 16th February, within St. Ernan's church.

There will be a visit from the Committee on Church Art and Architecture (CARTA) after the visit from Presbytery.

7.2 Bunessan

Alison McKenzie noted to the Board that Euan Mackie is to do the doors in due course and is awaiting materials and a time slot to get this done.

8. **Matters arising**

8.1 Date of ASM

The date of the Annual Stated Meeting will be held at St. Ernan's on 29th March, after the church service.

8.2 Baptist Church plaque

The Board agreed that the Historical Centre would be a more suitable place for the plaque to be put. Linda Dawson to contact Rob Jones.

8.3 Meeting Room heaters

The Board agreed that the second heater would not be needed but very thankful of the offer.

9. **Any other business**

9.1 **Organ**

Due to seeking more flexibility of space, the offer of the organ from the Baptist Church to be declined. A suggestion of purchasing a new organ to be considered, as there is money within the Designated Organ Fund.

9.2 Film Night

Emily Lawson would like to organise a date and time.

9.3 Holidays

Jenny noted dates for her holidays which include:

15th May till 23rd May (cover for 17th and possibly 24th needed).

13th July till 27th July

26th September till 10th October

10. Closing prayer: The meeting was concluded with a prayer from Rev. Jenny Earl.

11. Time and date of next meeting: Board meeting to be held on Tuesday 10th March 2020 at 7pm, Bunessan Church.

Minister:

Clerk:

Date: