

## **Central and Woods Church Council meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### **Attending**

Ann Thomson, Ian Thomson, Mark Westbury, Judith Wilson, Graham Wilson, Deanna Ford, Dave Morgan, Judy Morgan, Darren Hollyhead, James Hollyhead, Vera Davies, Joy Holloway, Val Partridge, Margaret Jones, Norman Jones, Mark Westbury, Esther Westbury, Phil Thomas

### **Apologies**

Annette Ford, Margaret Nicholls, John Steventon, Inez Phipps

1. Opening Prayers

## **2. Financial Report for Church Council & Trustees 04/08/2021.**

### **EXPENDITURE**

September 2019 - July 2020 - £13,688.80

September 2020 - July 2021 - £3,210.01

### **INCOME**

September 2019 - July 2020 - £30,713.16

September 2020 - July 2021 - £13,729.44

### **BALANCES TO DATE**

Lloyds - £1,035.05

CFB 1 - £9,263.22

CFB 2 - £18,978.49

GRAND TOTAL TO DATE

£29,276.76

Mark asked to transfer £1,840.00 from CFB 2 Restricted Funds, to Lloyds Account. Payment agreed for repairs. Reimburse for new doors at Woods, and doors repaired at Central and TWC.

The Assessment Charge for September 2021 – August 2022 is;£16,092.00 which is down from this year, which is £16,284.00

The assessment charge comes out of the CFB unrestricted account. For the coming year, it would be £4023.00 per quarter. However, in the financial interests of the accounts, I have changed the Standing Order from a quarterly payment, to a monthly payment £1341.00. This has been done to ease the finances. Also to note, that the Circuit Treasurer has been notified and he is ok with the new arrangement made. Gift aid has come back from last year.

Room hire coming back slowly for TWC, Daycare hopefully will start again at the beginning of September to start paying rent again. There is about £30,000 in the account as reserves.

From August 31<sup>st</sup> All staff of the centre are on reduced hours, All expenditure has been reduced. Judy is meeting with someone tomorrow morning to see about room hire for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Covid vaccine.

3. Snooker have now moved out of the centre, a new storage room is being built within the snooker room to hopefully increase in the Centre lettings.
4. Letter read out from the circuit. Stationing procedure will begin in September 2021 for replacement for Phil. The Circuit are looking at Property, Finances and membership. We are doing well for membership, and we have a good leadership. We need to amalgamate our membership with Woods. Woods would remain part of Central. Moorlands Church is being sold. Church Council have agreed to amalgamate and meet at Central on a Sunday morning.

*The Church council have decided that from the beginning of the connexional year from September 2021 that after a trial for amalgamation of Central and Woods it has been agreed that we will continue meeting together at Central for the next 3 connexional years and the fellowship will be known as Central (and Woods) Methodist Church. For the purpose of the plan we will be known as Wednesbury Methodist Church.*

Norman Proposed and Val seconded 16 people present and it was a unanimous decision. We continue in Palm Court for now, and Phil will talk to John so that we can find out where we can meet. John, Judy and Phil will talk about storage

5. Community open day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September- Drama and Boys Brigade will have stalls for the community day. Does Church want to do anything? We will discuss with the organiser if we can do this.
6. Christmas Fayre has provisionally been booked for November 27<sup>th</sup> 2021, Christmas Fayre meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September 7.30. Panto will be hopefully happening in February 2022. A few new members have been recruited.
7. Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021