**Minutes of Annual General Meeting 7th July 2014**

**International Study Centre, Canterbury Cathedral**

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| **Item** | **Discussion** |
| **Attendance** | 25 |
| **Apologies** | Julian Coode, John Morrison, Stephen Harvey, Terry & Maureen Smith, Inspector Sharon Adley  It was noted that the Chairman was currently returning to Canterbury from France and would join the meeting as soon he could. |
| **Welcome** | As the Chairman had been delayed, David Clegg, Vice-Chairman, opened the meeting and expressed pleasure at the good attendance. He introduced Canon Clare Edwards, Vice Dean of Canterbury Cathedral and thanked her for hosting the AGM.  Canon Edwards was pleased to attend and to learn more of the work of Street Pastors. She read a passage from Ecclesiaticus and led prayers. |
| **2013 AGM** | The minutes had been previously circulated and copies were also available. Sally Waters proposed them as a correct record and they were accepted *nem con*. |
| **Chairman’s**  **report** | David Clegg summarised the considerable work which the Management Committee had undertaken during the past year, particularly in respect of governance issues: safeguarding, data protection, health & safety, equal opportunities. This had led to the drawing up of a new and more robust constitution which had been signed by the Trustees and circulated to all local Street Pastors.  DC also explained that with the official notification of this AGM the Management Committee had circulated an updated partnership document which detailed the churches and other organisations working together to deliver a Street Pastor presence in Canterbury. DC stressed the importance of this partnership and thanked all involved in supporting it. |
| **Treasurer’s report** | This was tabled. Will Howe, Treasurer, presented his report, emphasing that partners were backing Street Pastors ‘for the long haul’. Annual running costs had been trimmed back to around £8,500, but he urged partners, sponsors and donors to continue their regular and valued support. He aimed to keep 6 months’ operating costs in hand if possible. A typographical error in the report was noted, but it was approved unanimously.  The Treasurer felt it was timely to make an approach to the local universities to seek financial support as students were major beneficiaries of the SP ministry. He also drew everyone’s attention to *Easy Fundraisng* through which supporters could help SP as they made their regular internet purchases. |
| **Election of officers**  **Election of officers cont.** | Stephen Harvey, Salvation Army, one of the founder members, had decided to step down from the Management Committee on health grounds. He had been the original prayer coordinator. DC thanked him on behalf of all involved with Street Pastors for his faithful service.  The current Management Committee was willing to continue, although Liz Madge expressed a preference to be replaced if a volunteer came forward: Alice Corfield offered her services. The meeting approved the Management Committee for 2014/15 on this basis. |
| **Any other business** | The Chairman apologised for his late arrival. He wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate the churches in Canterbury working together on the streets, ‘striving for the Lord’ in this important ministry of love. He also paid tribute to Lorna Bedford, SP Coordinator, describing her as ‘the glue’ holding everything together. He repeated the earlier vote of thanks to all who sponsored SP and supported their work in other ways. |
| **Witness** | The final part of the meeting focused in some detail on the work of Street Pastors.  The Coordinator’s report had been tabled. Lorna Bedford reported on the recent commissioning of the new SP team in Herne Bay and synergy which was developing between them and the Canterbury and Whitstable teams. She was also pleased to report that SP training would be delivered on a Kent-wide basis from autumn 2014.  Gemma Traquair explained the operation of the new Street Pastor App. She said it was continually developing and encouraged all present to spread the word about it. LB thanked Gemma for all the work she had undertaken on developing the local SP website.  Geoff Farnham delivered the Prayer Pastors’ report and expressed massive thanks to all who had supported this part of SP mission. He was confident that God is involved in this work and he hoped that more members of the church family will become involved.  Liz Jenkins conducted a lively session on what is in a Street Pastor’s rucksack with particular emphasis on ways of communicating with students and school pupils.  Rosemary Patton and Avril Leyton gave a dramatised presentation on SP training, but due to time constraints, the planned item, Stories from the Street was not taken. |
| **Conclusion** | Bryn Price, Chairman of the Kent People’s Trust spoke from the floor. He was enthusiastic about the SP App and hoped that this could be rolled out across Kent, possibly with a contribution of £10 per bar. He was convinced that the App is a great tool for keeping people safe. Mr Price also reaffirmed KPT’s commitment to supporting street pastor training Kent wide.  There was general agreement that it would be good to get information about the street pastor service to new students before they leave home for university as well as at freshers’ fairs. David Harte, Canterbury Community Safety Partnership, offered to help with this initiative.  The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and continued support for Street Pastors. Lorna closed the meeting with prayer, followed the playing of a video clip of the Isle of Wight Street Pastors’ song.  The meeting closed at 9 15pm. |