**Canterbury Street Pastor AGM Minutes 17th Sep 2018 All Saints Church, 7.30pm**

Attended- 26 (management group- 5, Street Pastors- 13, Prayer Pastors- 4, other guests- 4)

AGM Agenda

1. Opening Prayers- MJ
2. Chair’s intro- purpose of the evening/vision for the future
3. Financial update
4. Reflections/questions from the floor: ideas for future funding
5. Trustees/management changes/request for new volunteers
6. Refreshments- opportunity to share together

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* The meeting opened in prayer- MJ

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* DC opened the meeting explaining that it would be informal in style. DC outlined our current situation and the financial position. He explained that he was happy to take questions regarding the past few months but wanted the meeting to looking towards the future. DC discussed the written report which included the impact we have had on the streets and our accounts.
* DC encouraged 100 club growth
* DC thanked Street Pastors, Prayer Pastors and the Management Group as well as All Saints who hosted the AGM in their building
* A question was asked about the police funding which DC answered, explaining our situation with the Kent Training Fund which was managed by us but is now managed by Ashford Street Pastors

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* The meeting was opened up to the floor for thoughts and reflections on fundraising
* Key points raised were
* Safer Kent encouraged us to make another application as we haven’t for a couple of years
* The City Council will speak to the Police Crime Commissioner regarding funding. They also advised us to apply through the Small Grants Fund. They also suggested crowd funding and Tesco Bags for Life.
* A question was raised about how many churches give, given that this is an ecumenical ministry. DC answered that not many do.
* HA suggested that we contact the Kent Community Foundation as they may have funding that we can apply for.
* MS suggested an observer night where people come and see what we do.
* A question was asked about likelihood of recovery of money. DC and SR answered that we are pursing a criminal prosecution but if we do get money back it is likely to be very small amounts over a period of time.
* We were encouraged to make connections at the Hub on Thursday night as Vice Chancellors from both the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University will be in attendance. DC will be attending.
* There is a short film being produced about the support for students through City Council, Street Pastors, Street Marshalls etc. This is due to be released shortly.
* Suggestion that we ask pubs and clubs for money. This was debated. We do not want it to be a paid for service but the pubs and clubs do really value us .How do we approach- CSR- appeal to them altruistically or more commercially by some sort of sponsorship- e.g sponsor flip flops or get a sign to put in their window. Will need further thought at management meetings but general sense that willingness would be there from pubs and clubs and that we should not feel embarrassed to ask for money/resources. It was raised that McDonalds kindly supply us with water without this being ‘advertised’.
* TS spoke about how himself and his wife MS have been Street Pastors for six years and how they have felt blessed by being a part of this ministry. TS feels strongly about prayer support and feels saddened that there is a lack of willing prayers. He thanked AP for his faithfulness in prayer. There were also a number of other regular Prayer Pastors in the room which we thank. It was agreed that we need to pray about Prayer Pastors and that groups praying need guidance.
* Suggestion from the floor that church leaders could perhaps lead prayers for half an hour or so (or longer) to encourage and that it would be good if different churches could take a rota slot again. DH suggested that perhaps himself and TS could visit churches to suggest this idea.
* MN spoke of the challenge faced by a decreased management group and encouraged others to step up.
* SH mentioned that he and others pray at home so even when we feel like we have small numbers more people than we are aware of are praying
* It was suggested that we have a WhatsApp group or similar for prayers so that those at home can be kept up to date
* NG told us that he is blessed by praying for the city on Saturdays and stopping off at URC if God speaks to him about something specific.
* The sad loss of GF was mentioned.
* DL mentioned the idea of an informal campaign for people to go to St. Andrews at 10pm on a Sat to experience what happens.
* DH suggested the ideas of small groups with responsibility for different aspects, eg prayer, fundraising, recruitment
* DaH mentioned he would be happy to support management group and that we should have an event March time with student unions and churches

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* DC announced that he was stepping down as Chairman and proposed WP as chair. The meeting agreed
* DC proposed SR would remain Vice Chair. The meeting agreed
* DC proposed GW as Secretary. The meeting agreed
* DC suggested that all of these posts be done for 1 year and then new people found as many of us have been doing the roles for a long time.
* DC asked if anyone would like to join as a trustee. MJ and LJ both expressed and interest. LJ mentioned that to do this she would need to step down from her Street Pastor duties.
* DC suggested that other people could help on an ad hoc basis using their giftings and encouraged people to write their giftings on the attendance sheet.
* The meeting closed with refreshments and an informal time of discussion.