

# **Minutes of Market Harborough Street Pastors Annual General Meeting**

## **The Old Grammar School, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 at 7.30pm**

### **Present:**

*Street Pastors:* Philip Jones (Chair), Angela Zemplak (Administrator), Andrea Kenney (Treasurer), Peter Arnold (Prayer Team leader), Revd James Shakespeare (Chaplain to Street Pastors), Phil Harrison, Sue Andrew, John Pearse, Rose Williams, Mandy Gays, Jeannie Brightwell, Jacqui Wright, Linda Lake, John Tebbutt

*Other Partners:* Jadz Bower (The Bower House).

**Apologies:** Mary Daniels, Steve Salmen, Angela Salmen, Inspector Paul McKinder, Rosemary Lowdon, Tracy Harrison, Su Coward, Martyn Rest, Sheila Rest, Christine Hodgson, Len Browne, Liz Howe, Joanne Reed, Kay Carpagnano

Philip welcomed Jadz representing the Bower House and Rose Williams a new prospective Street Pastor to the meeting.

The meeting began with prayer, led by Peter Arnold.

### **1. Administrator's Report**

Angela read out her written report (copy attached). The only addition to the report was that the first collecting box (from the Sugar Loaf) had been emptied after one month and £27.80 collected.

Angela was thanked for her hard work since taking the post in August 2011.

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

Andrea had accepted the role of Treasurer but on the understanding that she was not asked to do a presentation. Philip presented the accounts on behalf of Andrea. They had been examined by Alison Shakespeare.

It is hoped that the £700 reduction in balance during the year will be offset by new regular giving and the collection boxes. We need to convert the occasional donors to regular givers and to have more collecting boxes in the local businesses.

On behalf of the Street Pastors, Andrea was thanked for her work as Treasurer.

### **3. Prayer Support Team Report**

Peter Arnold, as Team Leader, thanked the support team which currently has nine members (10 as at the end of 2011). With the regular increase to two members a night, friendships and camaraderie were being developed.

Following a request from Ascension Trust, we are holding a 24 hour prayer event from 7 pm Friday 22 June to 7.00 pm Saturday 23 June. Linda Lake is helping Peter organise this event which will be based at the Bower House. Volunteers are still needed to offer an hour or two. Peter thanked the Bower House for their support of Street Pastors in providing a warm, friendly environment for our base.

Philip thanked Peter for his hard work in encouraging the Prayer Support Team and producing the rota.

#### **4. Chair's Report**

Philip read out his written report (copy attached). In addition, he stated that with income of below £5,000, we didn't have to register with the Charity Commissioners but we had registered with HMRC. This had enabled us to purchase the collecting boxes without paying VAT.

We have received a cheque for £1,000 from the Harborough and Bowdens Charities.

We are planning a short DVD of our activities. Rob Leveritt is coming out on Patrol as an observer prior to finalising details and costs.

Following Geraldine Everitt coming out as an Observer, her husband John has nominated MH Street Pastors as his charity during his time as Chair of Harborough District Council.

#### **5. Election of Management Board**

It was explained that both Philip Jones and Linda Lake had finished their first three year term. Both were eligible to stand for another three years and both were willing to do so. Marie Hill had stepped down as a Street Pastor and member of the Board due to family commitments. There were no other nominations for membership of the Board.

James Shakespeare proposed that Philip and Linda be re-elected. This was seconded by Phil Harrison and the motion carried unanimously.

Membership of the Board is now:

Philip Jones (Chair)

Andrea Kenney (Treasurer)

Jacqui Wright

James Shakespeare

Linda Lake

Peter Arnold

#### **6. Any Other Business**

- John Pearse asked if we could promote the Pentecost in the Park event on Sunday 27 May 2012 at Welland Park (3.00 – 4.30 pm) and provide Street Pastors to run a stall promoting our work. Angela will send an email asking for help.
- The Board had decided that we should hold a Commissioning / Re-commissioning Service for all our Street Pastors. As our Street Pastor Chaplain, James will be organising this and the date had been agreed as Thursday 13 September 2012.
- James offered to do an interview on Hfm to promote our work.
- A discussion took place on promoting the actual dates we are on Patrol and whether we should provide a list of Street Pastors out on Patrol. Angela reported that in her survey of Street Pastors 14 responses were received; of which 8 were against names being published and 6 were in favour. It would have needed 100% in favour so this was not going to be implemented. It was however agreed to investigate promoting the actual dates. Angela will contact the Churches in town with outside notice boards and both Robert Smyth Academy and Welland Park College to see if they would agree to display dates.
- Phil Harrison asked if there was a possibility of providing a Safe Haven. Philip Jones replied that this was normally a Police initiative.
- The issue of providing foil blankets was being investigated by Angela but they would not be useful in warming somebody up who was already very cold.

The meeting closed with prayer, led by James Shakespeare.