

Minutes of Market Harborough Street Pastors Annual General Meeting The Lounge, Congregational Church, 29th April 2014 at 7.30pm

Present:

Street Pastors: Angela Zemplak (Administrator), Andrea Kenney (Treasurer), Peter Arnold (Prayer Team leader), Revd James Shakespeare (Chaplain to Street Pastors), John Pearse, Mandy Gays, Jeannie Brightwell, Jacqui Wright, John Tebbutt, Joe Shrigley, Liz Howe, Louise Petheram, Mary Daniels, Hilary Hearnshaw

Partners: John Pearse (CTH)

James welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that our Chair Philip Jones was not able to make the meeting because of a visit to Cornwall which had lasted longer than anticipated. James had been asked to stand in as Chair for the meeting and was honoured to accept.

The meeting began with prayer, led by James.

1. Apologies

Richard Brand (Anglican Team), Philip Iley (Police HQ), Judith Devine (Baptist), Peter Lewis (Surviva), Yvonne Davies, Gail Lamb and Joanne Reed, Rose Williams, Carol Read, Philip Jones, David Moore, Jonathan Walpole.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM held on Monday 22 April 2013 were accepted by those who had attended and signed by the Chair.

3. Administrator's Report

Angela's report is attached. Angela expressed her thanks to the team for their support and reiterated that through meeting with our partners we are developing good relationships with the local night time economy management and staff, the HDC, the local Police unit and the CCTV team. The training sessions had been delivered locally and by neighbouring SPIs. The visits to the local churches had resulted in a list of potential SPs and they would be invited to start the process of interview and observation during the next few months with a view to being trained in the Autumn.

The following questions were raised by the meeting:

Q. The question was asked about how much contact we have with Hfm and the Press in general.

A. Both James and Philip had been on Hfm promoting our work and we had invited Nick Shaw to come out on patrol but he had yet to do so.

Q. The question was asked about getting information out to parents.

A. James and Philip had done assemblies at Welland Park Academy.

The meeting would like the Board would look into more press coverage and also getting information out to parents via the local schools (websites and newsletters).

4. Treasurer's Report

The Financial report is attached. Philip had sent the following report which was read out by Angela:

On behalf of Andrea, I can say that the funds are as audited by John Bush and show us in a healthy state at the moment. We were blessed with a very successful concert in February (thank you all for your support and especially Angela and James in organising) and we received funds from John Everett in his capacity as Chair of HDC. Liz Howe held a successful coffee morning.

We continue to be blessed with funds from our churches. While we are currently fairly well placed your Board continues to keep a careful watch on funds. We thank Andrea for her hard work in keeping the books and John Bush for the audit.

The following questions were asked from the floor:

- Q. What were Fees? A. Insurance paid for liabilities not covered by Ascension Trust.
Q. Why did we pay Leicester SPs? A. For R&R and Refresher training.
Q. What were staff expenses? A. Admin expenses and equipment costs.

5. Prayer Support Team Report

Peter's report is attached. James thanked Peter on behalf of the team for his hard work in encouraging the Prayer Support Team and producing the rota.

6. Chair's Report

Philip's report is attached. James went through the report highlighting one or two points.

Q. The issue raised at the meeting following Philip's report was that of patrolling in Lutterworth and Fleckney.

A: The Board members stated that this had been on the Development Plan and that HDC Chair for 2012/13 John Everitt had been keen to ensure that the whole district benefitted from work being done in the District not just Harborough town. Angela had had discussions with the local police and the SPs who live in Lutterworth and Fleckney. It is not intended that we try to patrol these two areas regularly but if we had more SPs then we could offer an occasional patrol. The police would like us to be 'on call' for times when they perceive a need but this was not something we felt able to do with ease.

The issues would always be numbers available, lack of CCTV and a base to work from. It was still planned to try to offer some trial patrols and if the feedback led us to the conclusion that one or other or both areas would benefit significantly from regular patrols then we would initiate a recruitment drive to get local people from local churches involved.

It was noted that this month the Street Pastors had supported the Rotary SwiMarathon by entering two teams and raising money for other worthy charitable causes.

A special vote of thanks was given to Philip for all his hard work and dedication as Chair of the Management Board.

7. Election of Management Board

The current Board of Chair: Philip Jones, Treasurer: Andrea Kenney, Peter Arnold, Liz Howe, James Shakespeare and Jacqui Wright were all prepared to continue as members of the Board although Andrea did ask that another person be found to take over as Treasurer in the near future as her work commitments had increased. Mandy Gays offered to join the Board.

The meeting approved the following Board membership for 2014/15

Philip Jones (Chair)	Andrea Kenney (Treasurer)	James Shakespeare (Chaplain)
Peter Arnold (Prayer Team Leader)	Jacqui Wright	Liz Howe Mandy Gays

Angela was thanked for her hard work and efficiency.

There was no other business raised.

The meeting closed with prayer, led by Louise Petheram