

Minutes of Market Harborough Street Pastors Annual General Meeting The Lounge, Congregational Church, 21 April 2015 at 7.30pm

Present (19):

Street Pastors: Angela Zemlak (Administrator), Peter Arnold (Prayer Team leader), Revd James Shakespeare (Chaplain to Street Pastors), Mandy Gays, Jeannie Brightwell, Jacqui Wright, John Tebbutt, Joe Shrigley, Mary Daniels, Hilary Hearnshaw, Carol Read, Gail Lamb, John Fuzzard, Louise Thompson.

Gary Pedler (Treasurer), Rev Diane Johnson, John Pearse, Rev Brian Kennard, Claire Silcott

Philip welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Rev Brian Kennard, potential Street Pastor Claire Silcott, new Street Pastors Louise Thompson and Gail Lamb and our new Treasurer Gary Pedler.

The meeting began with prayer, led by James.

1. Apologies (18)

Richard Brand (Anglican Team), Andy Twilley (Fleckney Baptist), Rob Knapp, Rose Williams, David Moore, Jonathan Walpole, Liz Howe, Andy Raymond, Eileen Bangeter (Friend of MHSP), Julie Clarke (HDC), Louise Petheram, Sally Duke, Ellen Wallace, Gordon Arthur (High Sheriff of Leicestershire), Phil Harrison, Ximena Shelton, Maureen O'Malley (VASL), Phil Iley (Police Volunteer Liaison)

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the last AGM held on Monday 29 April 2014 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. We did continue the talks in churches and the result is we have five trained and three nearly trained Street Pastors. Angela emphasised the need for responses to emails she sends out, particularly regarding the rota availability as she cannot do the rota until all responses have been received.

The following question was raised by the meeting:

Q. The question was asked about how we interact with the public.

A. The streets are quieter than when Angela joined in 2011 and much quieter than when the Initiative started in 2009 but if we are out there praying for the streets and being a presence then we are doing God's work. Helping one person (or just listening to them) is a bonus. Face to face contact is the most important element of our work.

Philip thanked Angela for all her hard work.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Financial report is attached.

Philip gave his thanks to Andrea Kenney for her work as Treasurer. Andrea had asked at the last AGM to be replaced due to work and family commitments and Gary Pedler from the Baptist Church had accepted the invitation to take over.

Gary gave a brief introduction to himself before going through the accounts and his report. He also thanked Andrea for enabling a smooth handover, Philip and Angela for their assistance in getting to grips with the work and John Bush for inspecting the 2014 accounts.

It was noted that 2013 had been an exceptional year because of the GBRT concert and HDC Chair, John Everitt choosing us as his charity plus still receiving some funds from the Bowden's Charity (third and last of three years £1,000). We had a small deficit this year but were in a good financial position.

The following questions were asked from the floor:

Q. What income was Gift Aided?

A. Personal donations, regular giving and from this 5 April 2015, the Collecting boxes and patrol donations. Church donations and Coffee Morning income are not Gift Aided.

Philip thanked Andrea and Gary for their work in keeping the accounts and ensuring the Board were kept informed of the financial position on a regularly basis.

5. Prayer Support Team Report

Peter's report is attached.

Peter also proposed that all Prayer Support go out as an Observer and all Street Pastors do one shift a year on Prayer Support to enable the teams to be fully aware of each other.

Philip asked that the meeting record their thanks to the Prayer Support team who are active in supporting the Street Pastors at the base, providing prayer and refreshment. Other Initiatives have to rely on prayer buddies for individual Street Pastors and/or prayer team working from home.

6. Chair's Report

Philip's report is attached.

Philip thanked Angela, Gary and Peter plus the Board for their hard work and support. He also recorded his thanks to the Bower House for providing such a tremendous base (Angela asked to write to the Bower House on behalf of the Initiative).

Philip has been on the Board for six years and Chair for all but the first two meetings. He is continuing to be a Street Pastor but is stepping down from the Board. He noted the likelihood of a new Chair being appointed in the next few months.

Jacqui thanked Philip for his work, his prayer, his leadership and his inspiration as Chair. The meeting agreed with this sentiment.

7. Election of Management Board

The current Board of Chair: Philip Jones, Treasurer: Gary Pedler, Peter Arnold, Liz Howe, James Shakespeare, Mandy Gays and Jacqui Wright were all, apart from Philip as previously noted, prepared to continue as members of the Board.

James had finished a three year term but was prepared to continue and was unanimously elected for a further three years. James was thanked for his caring and spiritual approach and his work as Chaplain of the Initiative.

The meeting approved the following Board membership for 2015/16:

Vacancy for Chair	Gary Pedler (Treasurer)	James Shakespeare (Chaplain)
Peter Arnold (Prayer Team Leader)	Jacqui Wright	Liz Howe Mandy Gays

There was no other business raised.

The meeting closed with prayer, led by Peter Arnold