

San Fulgencio Committee Meeting - 07-10-2022

Attendees:

Terry Baxter (TB), Andrew Briant (AB), Jim Crossley (JC), Richard Dunstan-Meadows - Chair (RDM), Peter Jackson (PJ), Bruce Petter (BP)

Apologies:

David Foster (DF), Sue Foster - Sec (SF), Roger Harrison (RH), Gill Gray (GG), Ginny Smith (GS), Peter Smith (PS)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	RDM opened the meeting with prayer.		
2	Apologies were received as above.		
3	Annual Report 2022 The draft Annual Report was agreed. Prop JC, 2nd BP, Agreed All		
4	<p>Ordinand Costings</p> <p>The committee discussed the costings of AB's training for ministry at length. It was felt that there were no issues about the cost of one-off purchases (totalling 850€); however, concern was expressed as to our congregation's ability to fund both the living allowance and either of the two online courses (English (UK) and Spanish), which over 3 years would total 23,250€ and 14,160€ respectively.</p> <p>A request has been sent to Bishop Carlos for the National Church to fund more than 25% of the English course. Members acknowledged that if extra funding was not available, then the only option would be the Spanish course.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of each course. Both courses would mean that AB would continue to work with set aside time for study. PJ mentioned that his son had trained for ministry in the CofE in a similar way, with 3/5th of his week set aside for work and 2/5th for study. The situation would be similar for AB.</p> <p>JC stated that the present giving of the congregation would not be able to financially support AB's training for ministry. It was agreed that a separate Ordinand's Fund should be created, so that those who wish to, could make separate donations. BP suggested that the congregation should be approached to specifically contribute to this fund.</p> <p>PJ stated that as AB would be the recipient of the fund, it would be inappropriate for him to canvass for support. It was agreed that RDM and others would make the appeal to the congregation. A leaflet giving information about AB and training for ministry, with costings, would be sent to all church members.</p>		

	<p>Bishop Carlos has been asked to consider such a fund as a 'special collection', exempt from 10% going to the National Church. A number of the committee said that they would make special donations to the Ordinand's Fund. RDM stated that starting this month (October) all his church travel expenses (20€ per service) would be paid into the fund.</p> <p>TB expressed the importance of supporting AB as ministry is an integral part of the mission of our church, and that we should not just be thinking about the church now, but its needs in twenty years time.</p> <p>RDM informed the committee that AB could apply to start the English course in January 2023. Because of AB's work situation and personal circumstances, it was felt that he should start receiving the living allowance (300€) from this month (October).</p> <p>BP proposed that the committee should agree in principle to AB receiving the living allowance but with a time limit of six months, which would give time for a decision to be made on what course he would undertake. All agreed, apart from AB who abstained from voting.</p>		
5	<p>Accounts & Budget</p> <p>The accounts for January to September 2022 were discussed. It was agreed not to transfer a further 1,000€ to the already reserve of 1,000€.</p> <p>The accounts were approved. Prop BP, 2nd BJ, Agreed All.</p> <p>RDM thanked Jim for all his hard work as treasurer.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the Budget for 2023 around the following:</p> <p><u>Collections</u></p> <p>JC reported that there had been some issues with church members trying to transfer money to the church account. This situation had been resolved with a new iban number. The details will be published on the website and in the weekly newsletter. It was hoped this would make it easier for those on Zoom to donate to the work of the church.</p> <p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>TB reminded the committee that the church is not primarily about raising money. It was agreed that if a situation arose, such as a social event, it would be acceptable for money to be raised for a charity or the church.</p> <p><u>Occasional Offices</u></p> <p>RDM proposed that all fees, collections and donations from baptisms or marriage blessings (outside of the Sunday service), and funerals, would be placed in the Ordinand's Fund. All agreed.</p>		

	<u>Transfer to Reserves</u> A discussion took place about whether 1,000€ should be paid into the reserve next year. It was agreed to keep the reserve at 1,000€. The budget for 2023 was approved. Prop BP, 2nd JC, Agreed All.		
6	RDM thanked all members of the CC for their contribution for all their hard work and commitment, and invited them to consider offering themselves for election on the new Church Committee. The meeting closed with the Grace.		