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THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN GREECE

St. Paul’s, Athens

Minutes of Meeting for the Annual General Meeting, Sunday 20th September 2020

St. Paul’s Anglican Church, 27 Filellinon St., Athens

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| The meeting opened at 12 noon with 20 people present, far fewer than usual due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Father Leonard noted that the original March APCM had been postponed by special permission from the Bishop for APCMs to be held prior to 31st October, 2020. The Minutes of the 2019 APCM were distributed and under ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING, point 2, *“Sue was thanked for her many years of service as* ***Churchwarden*** *..”* was amended to read *“Sue was thanked for her many years of service as* ***Treasurer*** *…”.* |
| ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING1.*Vote on 6-year rule*Father Leonard welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if they wished to continue rescindment of the maximum six-year tenure rule for Churchwardens - all were in favour.2. *Election of Church Wardens*Father Leonard again thanked Nigel Daniels, who had returned to the UK in January, for his services as Churchwarden when in Athens. Trevor Kamuzonde and Lynn Stavrou were the only nominees for these positions and their election for the year 2020-2021was unanimous. |
| ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING1.*Election of PCC Members (4) and Synod Representatives (2)*Deacon Chris Saccali and Verger Virginia Stevens were appointed as tellers. There were 4 vacancies and 5 nominations for the Parish Council and the following were elected:Matilda Amartey, Banji Ipinsokan, Sue Stephos and Noelle Barkshire. There were two vacancies for Synod Representatives and no nominations. Father Leonard said that any congregation member interested could approach him at any time.2.*Election of Sidespersons*The following were appointed: Matilda Amartey, Anne Dedes, Rosemary Hunt, Trevor Kamuzonde, Cecilia Europa, Nelly Paraskevopoulou. A request was made for more people to apply for this position - anyone interested should speak to one of the Churchwardens (see above). 3.*Electoral Roll Officer*Jane Mandalios gave the Electoral Roll numbers as 104, an increase of 7 on 2019. 4.*Reception of the Adopted and Audited Accounts*Accounts for 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 were presented and Father Leonard noted the deficit of just over €21,000 years was not uncommon within the Church of England. He thanked Concert Coordinator Christina, the Bazaar Committee, Coffee Morning and Quiz Night Organisers, all those who helped at the various fundraisers and those who donated regularly to St. Paul’s. He invited those present to receive the accounts, which had been audited and approved by the Church Council and they were unanimously accepted. Thanks were given to Sue Stephos, Phillip Poulakis, Nellie Paraskevopoulou and Noelle Barkshire.. 5. *Appointment of Auditor*Ms. Magda Kakathimi had agreed to continue as auditor and this was unanimously accepted. A letter of thanks would be sent to her by the Council Secretary.6. *Report from Wardens (booklet)**7. Report from Secretary (booklet)**8. Reports from Church organisations (booklet)**9. Chaplain’s Report (booklet)*Father Leonard thanked all who contributed to the social, financial and spiritual life of St. Paul’s. He noted that the €21,000 deficit recorded in the 2018-2019 accounts had risen to €32,000 at the end of July 2020, not due to negligence on anyone’s part but purely due to the Covid crisis and the resulting lack of fundraising events. It now appeared that almost none of the planned events prior to Christmas 2020 would be held, including the Christmas Bazaar - the current limit of attendees at such events was 50 people and our list of stallholders alone was 50! However, plans were being made to sell products on line or via Facebook etc. The year had been a devastating one and it would probably be necessary to use what was left of financial reserves in the UK. The church had investments there and it may become necessary to liquidate some of these in 2021. Constant efforts were being made to interpret new Covid regulations as and when they arose and it was his task to apply them on behalf of the organization he represented, that of St. Paul’s - non-compliance with regulations would incur fines of €150 for each person involved, €5,000 for the organizer and a further €5,000 for the organization, plus closing of the venue (St. Paul’s, in our case) for two weeks. We must be willing to change and adapt to challenging circumstances, specially with regard to finances, and we should all pray for our decision-makers. The Zoom services held during lockdown had been successful but had raised no money and it was hoped that the upcoming Gift Day on Saturday 10th October would be an opportunity to receive missed donations and new ones. Everyone must spread the word for people of goodwill to come along to that event or to contribute electronically. 10. *Date of APCM in 2021*All being well this would held on Sunday 21st March at 12 noon.Father Leonard thanked the Secretary for her assistance and all those who were in attendance under such difficult circumstances. A vote of thanks was then given to Father Leonard for his help and support during difficult times. The meeting closed at 1 p.m. |

***Jean Mertzanakis (Hon. Secretary)***

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