

STOCKPORT MEETING

LOCAL MEETING

Sunday 2 September 2018

Minutes

1. Psalm 12 has been read.
2. Area Meeting at Disley, 8 September. Our representative will be Joan Armstrong who will report back to us.
3. Items of report
 - a. Changes of address
The clerk has received new addresses for Darrel Spence and Madeleine Reeves. He has sought their consent for these to appear in the next List of Members and Attenders and both gave agreed.
 - b. DBS verification
The clerk is now registered as the DBS verifier for Stockport Meeting
 - c. Defibrillator training and will circulate the link to Friends.
Several Friends attended a demonstration on the use of the defibrillator on 8 August.

4. Warden's report

Our Warden Steve Harrold has presented a report on his activities for the past year. He drew our attention to the effect of extremes of weather on the Meeting House. Bookings are healthy and income has exceeded expectations. A system of appraisal is now in place for those we employ and we are moving towards an online diary. We are asked to consider:

- a. Ongoing maintenance
- b. Is there an optimum number of bookings?
- c. Making hirers aware of their responsibilities
- d. Increasing employees' hours if necessary
- e. Employing a relief Warden

We thank Steve for this report

5. Training for clerk roles – Julia Horn
Julia Horn has brought to our attention a residential course on "Training for clerk roles" in February. We support her attendance and agree to covering the costs. We shall ascertain the costs and ask our Treasurer to pay them. As a general principle, we encourage Friends to attend courses, the outcome of which will enrich the life of the meeting.
6. Intervisitation
The intervisitation rota for 2018 has been circulated and Friends have come forward to carry out intervisitations for the remainder of the year. Geoff Thomason will visit Crewe and Nantwich in September (subject to confirmation). Margaret Moss will visit Disley in October. She has also offered to visit Cheadle Hulme. Pat Carlisle will visit Marple at some point and Jenny Lazarus will visit Wilmslow.

7. Nominations

We ask Nominations Committee to bring to November Local Meeting the names of Friends to serve from January 2019.

8. Copies of "The Friend"

In connection with Quaker Week, copies of "The Friend" are being offered at 20 for £10 or 30 for £15. Although we are not doing anything for Quaker Week, the issue is likely to contain articles of more general interest to potential enquirers and we agree to purchase 20 copies. We ask our Treasurer to arrange this. The cost will be £10 plus £1 postage.

9. Beverly Meeting appeal

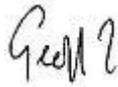
Pat Carlisle has drawn our attention to an appeal for the refurbishment of Beverley Meeting House. We agree to send £30 and ask our Treasurer to arrange this.

10. Quaker Voluntary Action

The Area Meeting clerk has forwarded a message about Quaker Voluntary Action. This includes a request for meetings to offer their premises as a working retreat. We feel that our existing level of lettings would make this difficult.

11. AOB

Commemoration of the Armistice on 11 November. We agree to participate by laying a wreath of poppies, which some Friends are making as part of the Collateral Damage Project, at the War Memorial Art Gallery.



Geoff Thomason - Clerk