



Second Helpings AGM

Stamford Methodist Church, Barn Hill

16th July 2022.

Meeting starts at 3.00 pm

Minutes

1. Welcome by Chairman of the Management Committee. There were 10 people present.
2. Apologies. Pauline Spiers, Chantal Radley, Malcolm Stewart, Vanessa Shackleton, Pauline Kirby, Jill Verdegaal
3. Chairman of the Management Committee's Report. In his final report as Chair Andy reflected on the Second Helpings journey from its inception as a 'bright idea' from George Hetherington in 2015 for a Café serving some 35 people when volunteers such as Jo Kemp, Trish and Annabel were key to its success. This led to its present developed structure thanks, not least, to Keith Busfield who, along with Eliz, introduced more forensic thinking and professionalism. Keith's untimely death has been a huge loss to his family and the community he served so well. Second Helpings played a crucial role throughout the Covid lockdown and continues to provide an invaluable service, preventing waste and feeding people in the process. Key to Second Helping's success is the partnership growing between church and community and Audrey's work in Teambuilding with department 'leads'. Second Helpings is not just a social justice enterprise but an expression of God's love and part of the church's outreach. Andy expressed his grateful thanks to all who have been involved and for the privilege of being a part of the journey.
4. The Treasurer's report was presented by Anne in Pauline's absence and audited Accounts were accepted by the meeting.
Election of Auditor: Mark Anderson Proposed by Evelyn and Seconded by Trish with unanimous agreement
5. Election of Management Committee: proposed en bloc by Trish, seconded by Lindsey with unanimous approval:
Chairman: Rev'd Andrew Hollins who will take over on his appointment at Stamford Methodist Church from 1st September 2022
Treasurer: Pauline Spiers (SH)
Committee reps:
Team Meeting Chair: Audrey Hensman (SMC); deputy Chair Anne Earle (SMC)
Jo Kemp (SH); Caroline LaNiece (SH); Nuala McAllister (SH); Evelyn Pickard (SMC)

Election of Team: proposed en bloc by Evelyn, seconded by Jayne Froment and unanimously approved:
Chair: Audrey Hensman
Deputy Chair: Anne Earle
Treasurer: Pauline Spiers

Volunteers: Chantal Radley
PR/Comms: Wendy Cowell
Bunker: Trisha Stein pending new appointment
Collections: Steve Wilkinson
Café/Front of House: Lindsey Adams

6. Q and A from floor:
Jayne reported on the need for improved communication between management and volunteers, also clarification re Bunker rotas and provision of contact details to assist in making alternative staffing arrangements. This is being addressed.
Thanks expressed to Roland Higgins for his diligence in maintaining kitchen appliances, especially the cookers.
Audrey reported on the recent Team review and the recommendation to explore the appointment of a paid project manager.
New notices with amended opening times are needed, also a notice for customers to explain early closure of the Bunker at particular times. These are in hand.
7. Vote of thanks to all Volunteers by Chair: Andy recorded his personal thanks on behalf of SMC to each of the many Volunteers without whom SH could not function.
8. Selection of charities to support: It was noted that SH has already donated £750 to the local fund for Ukrainian Refugees.
It was agreed that other donations will be made, subject to the Treasurer's oversight and the financial situation at the end of the financial year (31st August) as follows:
Connexions at St Martin-in-the-Fields in recognition of Keith Busfield who was a supporter of the annual Queen Eleanor Cycle Ride for this charity. The donation to be made via Charles Wood (Chair QECR) for the local fund.
Evergreen – a Stamford Charity
Mindspace – a Stamford Charity with which SH has a number of connections
9. Audrey recorded the thanks of SH Team and Volunteers to Andy for his unfailing support of SH and help in challenging times, with our congratulations and good wishes for his new Methodist Church appointment in September.
10. The next AGM will be held in June 2023 to be arranged in consultation with the new Chair, Rev Andrew Hollins.