Minutes of the Meeting December 9th 2025 10am in The Mission Hall

Present - Bill Egerton, Maureen Morris, Sue Wintle, Sue Cottam, Sue Davis, Anthea Heathershaw, Shirley Davies, Maureen Cribb

1. Apologies:- Val Dawe; & Zoe Withers who can no longer be a Trustee due to work commitments.

2. Minutes of the Committee Meeting of November 4th were approved.

3. No matters arising not on the agenda & no conflicts of interest.

4. Finance - Bill informed the committee that the Balance from 31/10/25 to 9/12/25 = £4167.69 after paying for chair trolley & CP signs arriving today.

Extra Credits = £100 from Neighbourhood Plan referendum hire & £350 for successful music events.

Future Debits = £961 to be paid for the floor. Approximately £1000 for lease extension. New quote to be sought from Tom (TWR lighting & electrical did the work January 2024) for 2 electric fire signs excluding the kitchen heating work. He does not do PAT testing. MaureenM to ask local contractor if he can do Pat tests as they are due March 2026.

MaureenM to ask plumber, Russell Mahoney to look at broken kitchen water heater. Bill has dismantled & de-scaled but water still not entering.

Positives = Bill thinks the new overhead heating system is proving to be cheaper & we should finish the year with a minimum Balance of £2,500.

5. Lease extension update - going forward slowly. PCC (MH lease is in their name) have sent Diocesan Board of Finance a letter (DBF are named as owners) Hopefully more news after February 2026 PCC meeting. Bill told them he is expecting to pay for the lease this financial year.

6. Policies update - Fire Policy wording needs finalising & accepting by the committee as a few changes were made re safe gathering place & parking areas for emergency vehicles plus installation of new fire exit signs & CP signs. To be looked at next meeting..

7. Events - Monday December 15th - Salvation Army Carol evening in MH CP with blue gazebo. Donations from visitors for Mulled wine & mince pies afterwards in hall (MM & SueW to buy). Collection for SA charity. Anthea gave Bill carol sheets & Bill to ring SA re. which words needed & coordinating them for audience.

Friday March 6th - Val has booked Jeff Little to be after dinner speaker re. Portland Spy Ring. Projected images used. Shirley to ask Helen Furness if she is free to cook. Suggested menu = Blinis by committee, Beef stroganoff & Mushroom stroganoff (Helen in slow cookers) Bill happy to do rice. Dessert to be decided, pavlova suggested.

Friday December 2nd 2026 - MH Social morning. Cakes from Shirley, SueW, Maureen C, Anthea & SueD. Afterwards take down Xmas decorations & move furniture out of hall ready for floor renovation.

Hall booked Sunday 11th private party & Saturday 17th SP Greek evening.

Future Event idea - Summer Jazz lunch or evening outside

Grants - Hall & Woodhouse small grant unsuccessful. Money could be requested for A. new industrial dishwasher which must have a short wash, B acoustic tiles for ceiling, C acoustic blinds (some visitors had mentioned noise levels & curtains). SueC to ascertain approximate costs & make funding applications after consulting committee with findings.

8. Floor renovation - several dates attempted to do colour test but either Barry from Dorset Flooring or MH not free. SueC to contact them again to try for another time. Work begins January 5th. Finished 9th. Return furniture later on 10th. Private Booking 11th.

Bill to write & send out SP Newsbite re. forthcoming events & reminder of hall closure.

9. AOB:

- SueD described Ukraine collection & she's collecting sleeping bags for Help the Homeless.
- MaureenC said hall curtains given by SueD to Family Matters have all been used in their warehouse.
- Bill said Ros had donated £70 towards Xmas decorations & Bill would formally thank her. MM to buy a tree & lights for outside.
- SueC asked if Dave painter could be asked to re-do the peeling paint on kitchen step. Discussed use of email chain sometimes leading to confusion.

10. Next meeting - Tuesday January 27th 10am.