

Bergen Anglican Congregation
Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday 29 May

7:00pm

Committee members present: Kirk, Eirik, Ana, Iris, Janine, Roger, Romanus, Norah. Non-committee member present: Rosemary.

No apologies.

Minutes from 1 May 2017 meeting were approved.

Pastoral Issues

1. **Safeguarding.** The safeguarding workshop in May went very well. Iris continues as “Safeguarding Assistant” to the safeguarding officer, currently Pam Russell (Brian’s wife). This information should be included on the website.
2. **Sunday school parent rota.** One of the things learned through the safeguarding workshop was that there should be two adults present at Sunday school. It can be any parent of a child present; if it is another adult, that person has to go through the full safeguarding process. A rota of parents will be started, though we might also try to recruit some other parishioners that might want to be involved, and begin that safeguarding process with them.
3. **Newcomers dinner - Saturday 10 June at 16:00 in MS.** There has been a strong response to the dinner so far. However, we should be aware of Torgetdag and changes to downtown access.
4. **Report from Iris on her Readers’ Conference.** Iris greatly enjoyed the readers’ conference in Cologne that she recently attended, and benefitted from connecting to other lay readers from across Europe.
5. **Interviews of Chaplain Candidates.** Eirik will be one of two from the Chaplaincy to interview candidates selected by Bishop David, to replace Rev’d Russell. He is joined by Greg Norton, the warden of Oslo, June 5th in London.

Business Issues

6. **Financial report April - May.**
 - a. The budget is following fairly closely so far, though church collections are slightly down.
 - b. **Chaplaincy costs situation.** The Chaplaincy Council has just recently developed a scheme by which each of the four congregations will be assessed how much they are to contribute to the running of the Chaplaincy. State, Kommune, & tax-efficient giving funds for each congregation deposited in Oslo is contrasted with expenses paid by the Chaplaincy on behalf of each congregation (mainly salaries and church rent). When a congregation’s expenses exceed income, the difference is charged against the local congregation. IF that total is more than 10% of the December 31st local bank statement totals for that congregation, then the 10% amount must be paid.

- c. The committee suggested we should set up a VIPPS account for the church so that people can donate more easily that way. Laura will ask Randolph to talk to Eirik.
 - d. Fundraising update - Janine is now working on possible booksale options; the løppemarked at Møhlenpris is an option. The cookbook that Ana is organizing needs more recipes. BDM has not responded to Eirik's request for permission to use interior photos for cards- will continue pushing for a response.
 - e. We should figure out a standing box for collections, to stand at the back of the church during our services. Several ideas were floated.
7. **Sidesperson rota.** Susan, Åge, and Janine have been trained as new sidespersons and will be responsible for the next two Sundays, when Eirik will be away. A rota will be developed and hopefully more persons recruited..
 8. **Directory update.** Laura handed out final draft copies of the directory for everyone to check. Any edits welcome within the next few weeks. Then a final version will be distributed at coffee hours.
 9. **Organizing future events/services.** Kirk will be on vacation July 10-30; Iris and perhaps Harald Grønnevik will help out with coverage. We discussed generally the idea of perhaps switching some Sunday mornings with the Norwegian church in order to have our evensongs, and give the BDM the morning services that at least Hildegunn desires. However it is not clear what the BDM position is on this issue.

Next meeting: Monday 14 August 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Saetveit Miles
14 June 2017