

FRIENDS OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN ETHIOPIA AND THE HORN OF AFRICA

Charity number: 1139834

Minutes of a trustees meeting held online on 17th June 2020

Agenda Item	Action
<p>1. Welcome and apologies Present: Chris Haywood (Chair), Tina Bailey, Darrell Hannah, Bill Poole, Sally Lynch (notes) In attendance: +Andrew Proud There were no apologies</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of interest None</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the last meeting - 19th May 2020 The minutes were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting</p>	
<p>4. Matters arising / actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes of the last two trustees meetings need to be uploaded to the website. TB would contact Otis and find out how to do this. SL will send the final agreed copy of the minutes to TB. • It was also agreed that agendas should be put on the website from now on. 	TB SL
<p>5. Updates: Letter to ++Mouneer DH had shared ++Mouneer’s letter with trustees, and all had access to the report mentioned in it. It was felt that there were questions that donors / the Charity Commissioners (CCs) might still ask and to which trustees needed to be able to give answers. Whilst trustees were very grateful for the letter, and report, and keen to work in collaboration, they also needed to work with donors and CCs to ensure a flow of funds and so would need to seek some further clarification. We need to be very clear about the CC law.</p> <p><i>The Mothers Union grant request:</i> Trustees discussed ++M’s expressed desire to be involved with possible grant funding to the MU, and came to the conclusion that, as the MU was a distinct organization within the Anglican Communion, with a long history of support from FACE (following funding made in Dr Wendy’s time for WASH projects), it was appropriate to deal with the MU separately. This was a good example of partnership.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP will introduce trustee TB to NH and enable them to have a Zoom meeting to explore the funding request further. <p><i>The salaries grant request:</i> Trustees discussed this further and were conscious that, although the accounts showed as very healthy (around £60K available), this was accrued money over some years and once spent would not be built up again immediately so as to enable payment of salaries at the same level every year.</p>	AP TB

<p>There was still concern about the CC regulations on donor restrictions: charities should carry out 'due diligence checks on donors, beneficiaries and local partners, and can also monitor the use of funds' TB will do more work to clarify this.</p> <p>It was clear that neither partner – FACE nor the Diocese – had contacts in Gambella who might currently be able to satisfy the level of reporting required by the CC. Trustees were very concerned to ensure that the donor flow did not dry up.</p> <p>Being very keen to support this request, whilst ensuring that the CC and donors were satisfied, trustees asked DH to request a little more information from ++M. They would love to pay the gross salaries – salary, tax and provident fund and so DH was tasked with asking for a breakdown of the salaries as above, along with the number of priests, and whether the salary payment needed to be backdated.</p> <p>It was proposed that, given the large amount requested, the payment might be in stages in order to aid cashflow.</p> <p>In this discussion, trustees all expressed a keen desire to work collaboratively with the Diocese and with ACE as partners, and hoped that, once Covid19 had been eliminated, it might be possible for some to travel to Cairo and build a more personal relationship through shared worship and prayer. All had visited Ethiopia and were fully committed to supporting the work of God's people there.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TB and BP to consolidate what already done on CC to get real clarity. • DH to draft a response to ++M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ask to see accounts ○ Say love to cover gross cost in stages and see breakdown ○ Ask if salaries need to be backdated? • All to look again at our constitution and reflect on how FACE operates 	<p>TB BP</p> <p>DH</p> <p>All</p>
<p>6. Grant applications</p> <p>Much of this had been dealt with above.</p> <p>The Samaritans Fund grant has been paid and BP was waiting for confirmation that Meaza had received it. There had been a £20 bank charge.</p> <p>The question was asked about whether we were expecting information about how the grant might be used. BP stated that +Kuan had copied in Jeremiah and so we might communicate with him and Meaza, whilst recognizing that there also needed to be some confidentiality about the use of this grant.</p> <p>Trustees would ask for a broad outline of the areas supported by the Samaritans Fund in order to be able to note this on the website / newsletter. This would also help to build compassion and hopefully encourage further giving.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BP to communicate with +Kuan and Jeremiah / Meaza, copying in ++M, once he has confirmation that the money has been received, and allowing for some time for it to be used. 	<p>BP</p>

