

ST CHAD'S COLLEGE, DURHAM SENIOR COMMON ROOM

Minutes of the meeting held in the Chapel on February 9 2016

Present: Ashley Wilson (Treasurer), Paul Braidford (Secretary), Nick Barton, Richard Taylor, Mervyn Ellis, Richard Watson, Paul Chandler, Sue Shaw, James Lancelot, Peter Coulson, Angie Smith, Charlie Pemberton, Rosalind Brown, David Crookes, Fred Robinson, Gillian Boughton, Julian Kotze-Wilson, Gordon Harper, Sean Kelly, Jenny Parker, Mark Roberts, David Hunt, Colin Woodward, Joan Mills, Gary Cox, Suzanne Cox, Jeremy Richardson, Iain Edgar, David Stanley, Theo Harman, Peer Fisher, Elizabeth Fisher, Toby Breckon

Apologies for absence had been received from: Bill Apedaile, Stuart Watson, Margaret Masson, Edwin Holmes, Jessica Holmes, Ben Earl, Anthony Anderson, Simon Grant, James Leigh, James Lancelot, Sylvia Lancelot, Lucy Smout Szablewska, Marek Szablewski, Gordon Allinson, Simon Fleming, Jonathan Moreland, Sarah Banks, Richard Monk, Andrew Mann, Emily Oliver, Ann Moss, Anthony Parton, Janice Wailes-Parton, Maxine Houston, Iain Lindsey, Eva Griffith, Katie Randle, Gill Blazey, David Blazey, David Stancliffe, Paul Taylor, Arthur Middleton, Maurice Simmons, Colin Ferguson, Anna Montague-Johnson, Richard de Robeck, Jonathan Tate, Ann Loades, Martin Wright, Irene Roding, Richard Davison, Judy Burg, Diana Collecott, Gillian Allnut, Kat Saunders, Matt Smith, Jane Manley, Ian Stone, Ian Zass-Ogilvie, Jean Woodward, Sarah Chandler, Pauline Watson, Maurice Simmons

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2016 The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

Matters Arising There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's Report The Treasurer reported on the accounts. There had been little activity of note since the previous meeting. He noted the report on charitable giving from the SCR, and invited comments after reflection.

Bursar's Report (standing in for the Acting Principal) The Bursar reported on the ongoing recruitment process for the new Principal - over 300 expressed interest, 56 applied, 12 were longlisted and 4 were shortlisted. An announcement was expected by the end of February. Trinity Hall will be used as student accommodation, rather than a Principal's House in the future, resulting in 14 additional rooms. The size of the MCR will be increased, and guest rooms relocated. The Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed by the University and the College Council. The bursar urged the members to attend lectures, Sed Vos events and the Chad's Day service. There is a desire to raise an endowment fund of £1m to fund scholarships, bursaries etc, and encouraged members to donate when arrangements are settled.

The **President's Report** (delivered by the Secretary) The President noted the low attendance at Combination Formal this term, and solicited members' opinions on its future. He also solicited feedback on the Gents and Ladies and Friends formals: the general feeling was that they may have had their day. He noted that, at the next Research Forum before a formal, as a trial, the attendees at the forum would be invited back to the SCR if they wish to continue the discussion up to the call for dinner, which received general approval. Matt Smith provided some feedback on the recent social survey, and thanked the members who took part. He noted that he had been in discussion with the other Common Room Presidents about future social events; members will be notified in due course of progress in this area. Gill Boughton noted the discounts available to groups at performances at the Theatre Royal if a membership (costing £7 per year) was purchased; the members agreed to this course of action. The Secretary noted that the President was nearing the end of his first three-year term, and intends to stand again; of any members wish to stand against him, they should contact the Secretary.

New Members Ex officio new members: **None**

Appointed as new members: **Jeremy Richardson** (Junior Research Fellow in Chemistry Department); **Anna Rowlands** (lecturer in Catholic Studies in Theology Department); **James Page** (Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Study & SGIA)

Elected as new members: **David Eaton** (alumnus, masters student in Theology and Religion, nominated Sofia Ropek-Hewson, seconded Ashley Wilson); **Jonathan Welsh** (biochemist, nominated Mike Snape, seconded Nick Barton); **Alison Mbekeani** (PhD researcher in Biology, nominated Toby Breckon, seconded Paul Braidford); **John Hanks** (alumnus, accountant and Anglican permanent non-stipendiary deacon, nominated Nick Barton, seconded Mervyn Ellis); **Phil Watson** (retired music teacher, doing degree in Opera Studies; nominated Jenny Parker, seconded Jane Manley); **Bill Wyllie** (alumnus, risk and security consultant) and **Annette Wyllie** (general dental practitioner) both nominated by Sean Kelly and seconded by Mark Roberts.

The **next SCR meeting** is provisionally scheduled for 19 May.

AOB In the absence of further business the President closed the meeting at 6.50pm.

SCR TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance at 10/11/2015 3156.89

INCOME

Subs income	130.00
Sri Lanka project income	50.00
PDA Fund income	25.00
Other income	
Misdirected payments	40.00
TOTAL	245.00

EXPENDITURE

Sri Lanka Project	200.00
TOTAL	200.00

Balance at 05/02/16 3201.89
