

Hartshill Mother's Union meeting 16th February 2022

Present:

Sue Foster, Sally Young, Sue Parr, Heather Greaves, Lynda Kelley, Jan Blamire-Brown, Wendy Albrighton, Sheila Hinds.

1. Sue F welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first face to face meeting since March 2020. Everyone was delighted to be back face to face although we had enjoyed meetings via zoom some members had not been able to participate.
2. The Annual Membership fee had recently been paid via BACS. Sue informed members that Beryl and Rita had decided not to renew their membership.
3. She asked if we would consider holding the AGM tonight instead of the activity planned for the meeting. As we were all present we decided to hold the AGM and defer the "sharing of memorable readings, music etc" to the next meeting.
3. Discussion took place about future meetings and the possibility of changing the time to a Wednesday afternoon, at least for a trial period.
4. The next meeting was planned for Wednesday 23rd March at 2.00pm in the conservatory.
5. Future meetings: - suggested for 27th April; 18th May; 15th June; and 20th July – possibly Afternoon Tea at Dobbies. – Wendy offered to book this nearer the date, once numbers were confirmed.

AGM

1. Present: as above

2. Worship - Sally opened the meeting prayers and we said The Grace together.

3. Election of Leader/ Branch Contact:

3.1. Sue said that she would prefer to act as Branch Contact rather than Branch Leader. She asked that the members become more involved with the planning and arranging of the program. She is willing to act as Branch Contact and circulate material received from the Diocese.

3.2 As no one was willing to be Branch Leader it was proposed by Sally Young and seconded by Sue Parr that Sue Foster be elected as Branch Contact. Vote: All in favour.

4. Branch Treasurer

4.1. Heather is willing to continue as Branch Treasurer. It was therefore, proposed by Lynda Kelley and seconded by Sue Parr that Heather be re elected. Vote: All in favour.

4.2. Sally expressed thanks to Heather for keeping the accounts in order.

4.3. Heather said that the accounts had been verified and were available for inspection.

4.4 Heather confirmed that the subscription should have been paid at the end of January. She also suggested that the monthly contribution to meetings increase to £2.00 per month. All in agreement.

4.5 Income

£115.00 Balance b/f

£253.20 – subs and diaries income

Expenses

£20.00 – Insurance and printing

£30.00 - Mother's Day cost for gifts to Residential Homes

Balance at 31/12/21

£62.40 to C/F

£43.00 C/F to 2022

£23.00 - Diaries & subs costs

4.6 It was suggested that the monthly meeting charge be £2.00 for visitors also to cover expenses of meetings.

4.7 Sunshine tin holds approximately £20.00. Jan suggested that a card and flowers/plant be purchased to mark both Beryl and Rita's retirement from the MU. Sue Parr agreed to purchase and take these gifts on behalf of MU members. Costs were reimbursed to Sue.

4.8 Sue Foster said that a payment of £25.00 will be coming from the Diocese to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a view to promoting the work of the MU in the locality/ transforming lives in the community. Sue F asked for possible suggestions. Sally suggested possible involvement with the two remaining residential homes. Further thoughts to be sent to Sue F or for next meeting, please.

5.0 Secretary – Sheila was willing to act as Secretary.

6. AOB

6.1 Refreshments

Everyone agreed to take it in turns to provide refreshments. Jan and Wendy had provided this month's excellent refreshments. Lynda and Sheila agreed to provide the refreshments for the March meeting. Future arrangements to be decided at the next meeting.

6.2 Prayer Rota

Sally, Sue P, Sue F, Heather and Sheila volunteered to be on the list. Sue F volunteered to lead worship at the next meeting on Wednesday 23rd March at 2.00pm

6.3 – Mother's Day Service

Sue F advised Sally that MU would provide daffodil posies if the Church are considering giving them as part of the Mother's Day Service. This will be discussed at the next PCC meeting on 28th February and then a decision can be made about the posies – therefore - TBA.

7. Sharing memories

The evening ended with Sally and Jan sharing their memorable music/song, as planned, as they would not be at the next meeting in March.

We had the pleasure of listening to Boccherini minuet for violin from Sally and the memories of the times Sally had enjoyed them. Then Jan spoke about her placement in France as a Student Teacher and sang a song in French that she had learnt at the time, with subsequent translation for members who could not speak French / remember their Schoolgirl French.

Members thanked them both for sharing their memories.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm with the MU prayer.