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GREAT YARMOUTH MINSTER PRESERVATION TRUST

11 July 2013 – 9.45 am

PRESENT:

Dr P Davies (in the Chair); Mr M Boon, Mr A Smith, Mr H Sturzaker, Mr T King, Mr N Pownall, Mr M Taylor, Mr C Smith, Mr R Hodds and Mrs K Smith.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Jim Carter, Bob Price, Albert Jones, Colleen Walker and Chris Terry.

2. TREASURER'S UPDATE

Barclays Current Account - £17,189.07

Barclays 10 Day Notice Account - £107,597.89

(a) Monies Received

Teddy Bear Slide - £112 less board, £50 printing, £5 balloons, etc £5.

Afternoon Tea – 9 June (printing £5, food £145, advert board £50, Minster hire £50, profit of £747).

£25 talk by Colin Smith to Scratby Residents Club.

£10 proceeds of a bet from Bob Price to Colin Smith.

£40 talk to Trowse by Dr Paul Davies.

£30 talk to University of Third Age by Dr Paul Davies.

£72.50 (less wine £20, orange £3) handbell concert bar takings.

£1,162.58 from St Nicholas Church Collection in memory of Michael Falcon.

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2013 were confirmed subject to the amendment of the spelling of Lady Leicester and that Mr Tony King had not attended the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Gravestone Budget

£500 from the Gravestone Budget would be going to Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust which the PCC would be paying back to the Preservation Trust. It was reported that this project was on the short list for an English Heritage Angel Award.

(b) Places and Faces

A discussion ensued around asking the Places and Faces magazine to attend one of the Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust events to take photos.

(c) Completion of Tower Works

It was suggested that the Places and Faces magazine could attend for the completion of the tower works. A discussion then ensued around whether the completion of the tower works should be celebrated at the Civic Service or if this should be a separate service, and it was agreed that this should be a separate service where the bells could be rung. It was suggested that this should be a separate item in the future with an update being received from the PCC.

(d) Patronage

The Committee agreed that they would like to ask the new High Steward, Henry Cator, once he had officially been given the title to become the President of the Trust.

(e) Brandon Lewis' Response

The Chairman reported that he had emailed Brandon Lewis' Assistant ten days ago and still had heard nothing back but would continue with this.

(f) Lady Trustees

Hugh Sturzaker reported that he had spoken to the Ladies Guild at the Lifeboat but they had stated they were too busy with their lifeboat fundraising to join the Great Yarmouth Minster Preservation Trust. It was suggested that they could ask the Inner Wheel or Soroptimists if any of them would like to join. It was also suggested that an advert be placed in the local press asking for Lady Trustees.

(g) Change of Constitution

Michael Boon reported that he had spoken to the solicitor and it was hoped that the amended wording would be presented at the next meeting.

(h) Railings

To date no progress had been made on the railings. It was reported that if these were not repaired in the near future there was a risk of losing the railings completely. The Chairman also stated that weed killing by GYB Services was not going up to the church wall boundary. It was suggested that a letter be sent from the Trust to the Leader of the Council to ask about the railing issue. It was pointed out that they were still waiting for a faculty to come through for the repair to the railings. A Member of the Committee suggested contacting DIY SOS asking if this could be a suitable project.

5. OTHER MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman spoke of the heating stating that the PCC had appointed a Committee to look at the heating and would be applying for a major grant. They had also looked at stackable chairs for large services and that south and north face repairs would be required.

6. NEWS

No issues to report.

7. ORGAN AND PINNACLE UPDATE

No issues to report.

8. PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

It was reported that an advert had been placed on the back of the What's On event signs in town centre car parks. The Committee was shown recent press cuttings and it was reported that the Dixie Mix event had been advertised on Twitter, Facebook and Radio Norfolk.

9. PLAN FOR 2013

(a) Dixie Mix Jazz - 13 July at 7.30 pm - cost £600, tickets £10

It was reported by the Chairman that they required help on the door and behind the bar. Sandra McCulloch would be asked to stand on the door and Brenda Taylor would be asked to help Mike Taylor behind the bar.

(b) Saturday 3 August – Summer Evening of Madrigals with Cantus Orientissimus – cost zero – tickets £5

(c) GYB Brass – 17 August at 7.30 pm – cost £250, tickets £7.50

(d) Gorleston Community Choir Concert – Saturday 28 September at 7.00 pm – cost zero, tickets £5

It was reported by Hugh Sturzaker that as this choir were not charging he was suggesting they be offered a free drink. It was suggested that a bar would be put on and Barbara Freeman would be asked to do the teas and coffees.

(e) Blessing of Nets Plus Herring Supper – 5 October at 6.30 pm – tickets £6

Arthur Hollis would be asked if he would be happy to do the herring again this year.

(f) Quiz/Treasure Hunt – Dave McDermott, St Pauls Church Hall – Winter 2013

(g) Ernie Childs, Yarmouth Yarns and Fish and Chips – Friday 26 July – tickets £10

(h) Keith Skues at Masonic Rooms – Friday 13 September

It was reported that the date of this event may be rearranged.

(i) **Zumba in the Minster**

No issues to report.

(j) **Christmas Tree Festival – Wednesday–Sunday, 5-9 December 2013**

(k) **Christmas Fayre – Friday 29 November – Sunday 1 December 2013**

(l) **Reverend Peter Glanville to talk from microphone to Minister**

(m) **James Paget Event – Bicentenary of his Birth – Saturday 11 January 2014 with a dinner at the Town Hall**

Tickets for the dinner would be £50 which would include a drink before the meal and during the meal. Sunday 12 January would be an exhibition plus a lecture. It was reported that on Friday 17 January the Time and Tide Museum would be holding a history event. A blue plaque would be installed on the site of James Paget's birth and the original plaque was currently being repaired. There was a suggestion made that a short TV programme on James Paget to explain what sort of a doctor he was be prepared. The James Paget Hospital stated they would be prepared to reinstate their summer fetes in July next year.

(n) **Arts Festival – June 2014**

Hugh Sturzaker reported that the Arts Festival next year would be about James Paget

(o) **World War One Centenary 2014 with Great Yarmouth Archaeological Society**

The Chairman reported that they would need to prepare boards for display and that the event would be held in August 2014. Colin Tooke would be preparing a book and donations would be asked on entry to the event and a set fee would not be charged. The Committee were informed that Great Yarmouth Borough Council had created a World War One Centenary Group to look at how they would be celebrating World War One, and the Committee consisted of five Councillors which included Councillor John Burroughs, Councillor B Coleman, Councillor C Walker and Councillor M Fairhead.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) **Arts Festival**

It was reported that the Arts Festival would be the first two weeks in June and the theme would be James Paget. They would be holding a meeting at St Georges to discuss arranging a festival. Hugh Sturzaker had also arranged to meet with Marie Hartley and Alan Carr. The Committee then discussed using St Georges to sell tickets for future events through the ticket office or on line. However, they would have to pay a 6% fee to St Georges for this service.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting would be held on 12 September 2013 at 9.45 am.

12. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 11.00 am.

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