



Minutes of the AGM Meeting

24th April 2023, 19.00, Zoom

Present: Thomas Packer-Stucki (TPS, Chair), Josh Mock (JM), Russell Frost (RF), Emilia de Luca (EdL), Louise Dover (LD), Josh House (JH), Anna Pennant (AP), Abigail Hollingsworth (AH), Michael Dickinson (MD), Emily Harris (EH), Lux Williams (LW), Molly Creaser-Ogden (MCO), Joshua Reid (JR), Anika Goddard (AG), Melody Lewis (ML), James Robertson (JaR), Patrick Ramsey (PR), Katy Llewellyn (KL), Cathy Chapman (CC), Josh Tinker-Reid (JTR).

In Attendance: Naomi Nixon (Staff, NN), Lisa Murphy (Staff, LM), Ruth Harvey (Staff, RH), Sophie Mitchell (Staff, SM), John Wallace-Howell (Staff, Minutes, JWH), Naomi Orrell (NO), Grace Stewart (GS).

1. Welcome

The meeting started at 19:03 with TPS welcoming those present.

2. Apologies, minutes of previous meeting, matters arising and AOB

- Apologies

Apologies were received from Liddy Buswell (LB), Becca Mann (BM), Jacob Holme (JH)

- Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the AGM 2022 were agreed as a true record.

- Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

- AOB

There was no other business to add to the agenda.

3. Reports and Updates

- GC Report

TPS introduced the GC report. Several members of GC gave reports, in a variety of styles. It started with a quiz from TPS, LD, and EdL. JM shared a limerick written by ChatGPT. LB's report came in the form of several memes. RF shared a PowerPoint featuring popular webcomics, and Liz Truss. JH delivered a report in the style of one of his lessons (JH is a schoolteacher).

- Staff Report

NN opened the staff report section by thanking the staff for all their hard work. NN then introduced the staff quiz, which covered different elements of the staff report.

Each staff member asked a couple of 'higher or lower' questions about the work of the charity.

- Finance and Fundraising Report

LM introduced the SCM accounts, explaining the different income streams and areas of expenditure. There is still a deficit, but SCM has a plan to gradually reduce it. LM is estimating that SCM will come in underbudget for this financial year and will not need to withdraw as much from reserves. This is positive, and staff and GC will continue to carefully monitor the financial picture. LM also spoke about the investments and their current fluctuations; but reassured that our Investment Manager is confident the value of our portfolio will rise.

LM advised that she can be contacted at lisa@movement.org.uk if anyone has any finance related questions.

SM spoke about the deficit and a targeted fundraising strategy to address it. Those targeted areas are individual giving, the 200Churches campaign, and applications to Trusts. SM encouraged everyone to use GiveAsYouLive to easily raise money for SCM whilst doing normal online shopping. JN has also been doing a lot of great work claiming historic gift aid.

Two big encouraging donations have come in recently. One from an individual who found SCM on social media, and another from a church who used to donate to SCM. SM encouraged members to donate if they can and ask their churches to donate as part of the 200Churches campaign.

If you would like more information on fundraising, there is more information in the report or you can ask a question directly by contacting SM at sophie@movement.org.uk.

Finally, NN was thanked for all her hard work as CEO.

4. Questions from the movement

Before questions were taken, JTR wanted to praise the Trans Theology Group, and thank staff who have enabled it.

Anon: What achievements are you most proud of?

NO shared that setting up the Trans Theology Group has been a highlight- and everyone is welcome to join by emailing NO.

TPS shared that JN should be proud of her work on the historic gift aid claims.

NN replied that the Christian Support the Ban (on Conversion Therapy) and the launch of Honest Church were personal highlights.

JN was proud of organising the trains for the 2022 Berlin trip.

LM was proud of the recruitment over the last 18 months. RF echoed this and said the staff have done a brilliant job.

SM shared that she was proud of the panel SCM organised at Greenbelt.

Anon: How many churches have signed up to the 200Churches campaign?

SM said that there are currently 15, one more than when the report was written. That is several years ahead of target, which is really encouraging. On top of this, there are five churches who have given one off amounts.

5. Election of General Council

- Trustee Elections

In the trustee elections, 20 attendees were eligible to vote, and 20 votes were returned. Candidates required 4 votes to be elected.

In the first round of counting:

Abigail Hollingsworth received 9 votes and was elected.

Becca Mann received 3 votes.

Joshua House received 4 votes and was elected.

Joshua Mock received 1 vote.

Michael Dickinson received 3 votes.

Re-open Nominations received 0 votes and was eliminated.

In the second round of voting, the ballots of the elected candidates were transferred, and second choice votes (13 votes) were counted and added to the first-round votes. These were allocated as follows:

Abi Hollingsworth received 1 vote (already elected, so no effect).

Becca Mann received 8 votes (11 in total) and was elected.

Joshua House received 1 vote (already elected, so no effect).

Joshua Mock received 2 votes (3 in total), and was eliminated.

Michael Dickinson received 1 vote (4 in total) and was elected.

- Portfolio Elections

In the portfolio elections, 20 attendees were eligible to vote and 20 votes were returned. Candidates required 11 votes to be elected.

Theology & Resources Portfolio Holder

Abigail Hollingsworth received 11 votes and was elected.

Anika Goddard received 9 votes

Re-open Nominations received 0 votes.

LGBTQ+ Students' Rep Portfolio Holder

Becca Mann received 20 votes and was elected.
Re-open Nominations received 0 votes.

Members & Groups Portfolio Holder

Joshua House received 19 votes and was elected.
Re-open Nominations received 1 vote.

Safeguarding Portfolio Holder

Joshua House received 20 votes and was elected.
Re-open Nominations received 0 votes.

Convenor Portfolio Holder

Joshua Mock received 20 votes and was elected.
Re-open Nominations received 0 votes.

Movement Editor Portfolio Holder

Melody Lewis received 20 votes and was elected.
Re-open Nominations received 0 votes.

6. AOB and Closing Prayers

There was no other business.

With this being his last AGM, TPS thanked the movement for electing him as Trustee and Convenor and said farewell.

NN thanked TPS for his work as convenor and thanked the members for attending. NN then closed in prayer.

7. Date of next meeting

TBC, 2024