



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Student Christian Movement

8th March 2020

Pioneer Centre, Kidderminster

Present: Tom Packer-Stucki (TP, chair), Louise Dover (LD), Helena Ripley (HR), Emilia DeLuca (ED), Patrick Ramsey (PR), Feylyn Lewis (FL), Alex Akhurst (AA), Elinor Braken (EB), Matthew Bland (MB), Rebecca Hotchkins (RH), Teng Qin Ng (TN), Emma Atkins (EA), Maya Conway (MC), Rachel Barwise (RB), Elizabeth Checketts (EC), Jennifer Blackledge (JB), Isaac Hance (IH), Jack Woodruff (JW), Sam Daly (SD), Sian Tredwell (ST), Joanna Ramsey (JR), Rebecca Mann (RM), Joshua Harris (JH), Abigail Hollingsworth (AH), Susanna Paynter (SP), Russell Frost (RF), Emily Clarke (EC), Sophie Mitchell (SM), Gabby North (GN), Elizabeth Todd (ETo), Kerry-Mae Doogan (KD)

In Attendance: Simon Densham (SiD, Staff), Rach Collins (RCo, Staff), Lisa Murphy (LM, Staff), Deanna Davis (DD, Staff, Minutes), Rob Chivers (RCh, Staff), Ruth Harvey (RH, Staff), Naomi Nixon (NN, Staff), Emma Temple (ET, Staff), Caitlin Wakefield (CW, Staff), Kate Harford (KH), Andy Marshall (AM), Alycia Timmins (AT), John Bell (JB), Emily Sanderson (ES), Yordnos Gebremichael (YG), Alanna Hurman (AH), Maddey Watson (MW), Annie Sharples (AS), Julia Pegest (PG), Madeleine Heien (MH)

Apologies: Paul Parker (voting by proxy), Grace Loveday (voting by proxy) and Niamh Lamin (voting by proxy)

Welcome

The meeting started at 9:15. TP welcomed those present.

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

a) Apologies

There were received from Paul Parker, Grace Loveday and Niamh Lamin.

b) Minutes of the last meeting

It was agreed that the minutes of the last AGM were a true record of the meeting.

c) Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

d) AOB

ET asked to announce the next campaigns focus.

2. General Council Reports

Tom Packer-Stucki - *Trustee and Convenor of General Council*

Louise Dover - *Trustee and Deputy Convenor*

TP and LD presented a report in collaboration, in the format of an online quiz, which EB won.

The quiz included highlights from their time as trustees since August 2019, including; co-authoring a response from SCM to the CofE House of Bishops' statement about civil partnerships which reaffirmed SCM's LGBTQ+ inclusive position and commitment to celebrating diversity. They had also been involved in the recruitment of the new CEO; Revd Naomi Nixon, Operations Manager (Maternity Cover); Stuart Blackman and Admin Assistant; Deanna Davis.

In the eight months in post, TP had chaired meetings, had regular catch ups with LM and NN each week on behalf of the trustees and has been facilitating the whole SCM team, and LD had attended and ran workshops at Greenbelt Festival with SCM and had also attended the 130 service at Coventry Cathedral.

Alex Akhurst

Trustee and Media & Communications Portfolio holder

AA presented his report through a game of Hangman. He had been involved in the shortlisting of the new CEO and Admin Assistant. AA has been adjusting to his degree in London and wishes to create a Facebook group for SCM members in London and the South of the UK, possibly with a monthly meet up to help keep them connected. AA has been involved in blog posts for the SCM website, co-ordinating music for the 130 service and has now become the LGBTQ+ Rep.

Emilia De Luca

Trustee and Access & Inclusion Portfolio holder

ED presented her report in the form of a hide and seek game, where attendees had to retrieve hidden objects from around the room. The objects were associated with ED's updates which included: setting up a SCM Disabled Students' Facebook group, to allow disabled members to share experiences and how SCM can improve access further, completing her 130 Challenge by running a 5K race at Coventry Running Festival, raising £130, and volunteering at the SCM office supporting with administrative duties.

ED had also supported RCo in writing the Events Policy to assure events are accessible and updating the event booking form.

Feylyn Lewis

Trustee, Deputy Convenor and Black and Minority Ethnic Students' Rep

FL presented her report in the form of an acrostic poem.

FL participated in the CEO recruitment shortlisting, as well as the acting National Coordinator line management. She has posted in the SCM Facebook group on the race attainment gap in university, she has been interviewed by Rob as a part of his podcast series, for Black History Month, and spoke with Birmingham Churches Together and the University of Sussex chaplain on Christian/church related Black History Month events to share with SCM widely.

<p>FL has also disseminated relevant Black History Month events on the SCM Facebook group page, presented at a Link Church in Brighton who have donated £40, participated in the 130 Anniversary Celebration Service at the Coventry Cathedral, and also reached out to a national LGBTQ+ Youth of Colour conference for potential collaboration next year.</p> <p>Helena Ripley <i>Trustee and Campaigns Portfolio holder</i></p> <p>HR presented her report using natural objects to illustrate her recent activities. Highlights included HR completing her 130 Challenge by raising funds in a 5K swim in the Lake District, attending Greenbelt, being involved in the recruitment of the new CEO, staff annual reviews, the Mental Health and Peace campaigns and Faith in Action project group meetings.</p>	
<p>4. Staff Report</p> <p>The staff team presented a joint report through a colour match game, where members competed in teams to win points for matching the correct coloured card to the staff member holding the associated coloured card. Three facts about the staff member’s work that were read out for members to match who they belonged to.</p> <p>Updates included: RCh’s role has adapted to become the Regional Development Worker for the Midlands as well as SCM Connect Project Lead. The National Gathering, Wondering and Wandering, took place in Cardiff and was attended by students from all over the UK. In summer, was the first LGBTQ+ Home event which took place in Manchester. SCM collaborated with Project Bonhoeffer for the Faith in Action project on ‘How Would Jesus Vote?’, a reflective weekend in Leeds. Love the Earth took place in Scotland to discuss a Christian response to Climate Change.</p> <p>As part of SCM Connect SCM were represented at festivals and conferences throughout the year, including; Big Church Day Out, Methodist Conference, Greenbelt and the National Youth Ministry Weekend.</p> <p>ET has created lots of resources for the Faith in Action project and has been running workshops; including the Well Beings resource in partnership with <i>Space to Breathe</i> for the Mental Health campaign. ET has also developed a <i>Called to Be</i> resource focussing vocation.</p> <p>The SCM staffing update was that all the new staff had now started: including a new CEO, Naomi Nixon; Administration Assistant, Deanna Davis and Operations Manager (Maternity Cover), Stuart Blackman.</p>	
<p>5. Presentation of Accounts and Finance report</p> <p>LM shared that the final figures for the financial year 2019-20 had not been received from the auditors yet due to their busy workload.</p> <p>ACTION: The financial report will be sent out with the completed minutes.</p>	<p>LM</p>

<p>There are partnerships in the pipeline and Trusts have been reached out to for funding. If anyone has any questions regarding fundraising they can speak to Simon.</p>	
<p>6. Question Time</p> <p>Those present were invited to ask the staff team and members of General Council any questions, either verbally or in writing.</p> <p>How many new members have there been since the last AGM?</p> <p>TP updated that there have been 40 new members and 6 new groups since the last AGM.</p> <p>How can Link Churches be approached?</p> <p>RCh shared that emails have now gone out to all the Churches recorded on database to see whether they still want to be a Link Church, those who have accepted will remain on the database.</p> <p>If members attend a church it can become a Receiving Church which students can attend, or a Supporting Church that could possibly donate. RCh encouraged that members can all advocate for SCM, sharing about the group leader training, workshops and resources.</p> <p>What is the time commitment for the BAME Rep role?</p> <p>FL explained that the role is what you make of it. She commits about 5 hours per month and does some work on a monthly basis for the role, such as Facebook posts and networking.</p>	
<p>7. Election of General Council</p> <p>In the trustee elections, 32 ballot papers were distributed, and 31 ballot papers were returned. One ballot paper had not been completed and therefore not counted. Candidates required 5 votes to be elected.</p> <p>The results are as follows:</p> <p>Trustee Elections</p> <p>Emilia De Luca received 13 votes and was elected. Patrick Ramsey received 6 votes and was elected. Russell Frost received 12 votes and was elected. Re-open Nominations received 0 votes.</p> <p>In the portfolio elections, 32 ballot papers were distributed, and 32 ballot papers were returned. One ballot paper had not been completed and therefore not counted. Candidates required 16 votes to be elected.</p> <p>The results are as follows:</p>	

<p>Portfolio Elections</p> <p><i>Access and Inclusion Portfolio</i> Emilia De Luca received 31 votes and was elected. Re-open Nominations received 0 votes.</p> <p><i>Disabled Students' Rep</i> Emma Atkins received 30 votes and was elected. Re-open Nominations received 1 vote.</p> <p><i>Campaigns Portfolio</i> Jack Woodruff received 31 votes and was elected. Re-open Nominations received 0 votes.</p> <p><i>Movement Magazine Editor</i> Nathan Olsen received 30 votes and was elected. Re-open Nominations received 1 vote.</p> <p><i>International Portfolio</i> Patrick Ramsey received 31 votes and was elected. Re-open Nominations received 0 votes.</p> <p><i>South Region Rep</i> Russell Frost received 31 votes and was elected. Re-open Nominations received 0 votes.</p>	
<p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p>ET updated that the next campaign focus would be on food with 18 votes to 7. The theme will be on food sustainability and food poverty, highlighting the causes and solutions, and how we can respond as Christians.</p> <p>AA shared that if anyone wants to know more about the upcoming LGBTQ+ Home event they can email the LGBT email address.</p> <p>ET also updated that herself and Jack will be involved in the prayer vigil in April for Christian Climate, and if anyone would like to be involved, please get in touch.</p> <p>The meeting finished at 10:45.</p>	