

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 21ST 2019

In attendance: Gyllian Davies-Minister
Lynda- Chair
Duncan Mathieson
Carolyn Evans- Treasurer
Joan Warren
Mark De Plessis
Ken Affolder
Walter Stewart- Parish Council.
Derek Emmerson

Gyllian opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved after correction of the date to April 28th not 30th, plus corrections to the reported financial report

Carolyn summarised the financial status as follows:

There is \$2725 unspent from the 2018 budget. Out of this council agreed to set aside \$1800 for the Wagon Wheels laundry project. \$500 is designated for national projects leaving \$425 unallocated for 2019. Combined with the \$2500 budget for 2019, we have a total of \$2925 for distribution this year.

Walter briefed the committee on a new outreach initiative by Julie, our last interium. She is proposing to provide a “safe” meeting space for worship by the LGBT community and other marginalised individuals who may not feel comfortable within the church confines. The initiative has been named “The St. Gregory of Nyssen Mission”. The Diocese has agreed to the initiative as a joint effort between the Diocese and the parish. The Diocese has leased space above the SSI Post Office. Julie needs \$13000 for start up. She has personally contributed \$2500 to the project. \$7500 has been received from the Bishop. After other contributions, she still needs about \$3000. Parish Council is considering financial support up to \$2500 including whatever is approved by the Outreach Committee.

After deducting \$1500 and \$500 for International and National allocations in our outreach budget for 2019, there is \$932 remaining for disposition. Considerable discussion ensued regarding the use of this amount for Julie’s project. Ken expressed the view that there are many other needs on the island which may be more worthy of support rather than a special interest group and that perhaps we should have a broader approach. Duncan moved that we provide the \$932 to project. Seconded by Mark and carried with one abstention.

Joan provided a report on "Smile Cards". 101 cards were sold last month. Considerable discussion ensued on the best methods for purchase, handling and distribution of cards taking into account security and tax receipting. It was agreed that Joan will formulate a plan after speaking with Dale, and email the committee with details.

Joan, Lynda and Ken volunteered to be the Smile Card sub-committee. Cards will be offered to the congregation for purchase on Sunday June 23rd.

The meeting ended in prayer.

Next meeting: 17 September at 1.00pm.