

## **Council AGM Report± April 2019 / March 2020**

Council members met ten times during this period, including one meeting with the Archdeacon on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. On top of these 'regular' meetings Council met also for a Day Away on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June.

Council consisted of:

Chair: Francis Noordanus

Wardens: Guido Crevecoeur (also associate treasurer) and Rajesh Datti

Lay-vice-chair: Lynn Sadok (also FOMT liaison)

Secretary: Jan Waterschoot

Treasurer: Joan Schutte

Assistant chaplain: Barbara Noordanus (Electoral Roll Officer)

Archdeaconry Synod Representatives: Bala Asirvatham and Jan Waterschoot

Members: Manju Sara Jacob, Pamela Patterson – Armstrong, Rani Mary Joseph

Safeguarding Officer: Latha Pappachan

Meetings began and ended with prayer and then a time of 'landing', answering the questions: 'What significant events are happening in our personal lives?' and 'What could we see God doing in our church?'

### **Topics discussed during the year:**

- In every Council meeting we discuss last month's finance report and vote to accept it.
- What kind of church are we, where do we want to be; what does God want for us?
- During this year we discussed several times the topic of 'Youth Ministry Pastoral Support'.
- We have discussed several options to move to another venue, but without practical consequences. We stay in touch with other churches to see what come available.
- On Away Day we discussed: 'The Anglican structure of our church' and Who are we as church?
- We are considering to change the seating in our church.
- We are complying as well as we can with all the safeguarding rules of the Diocese. We can apply for free VOG applications.
- We discussed the budget for 2020: 2.7% increase compared with 2019.
- We discussed Communion Measures in the light of Covid-19.

### **Decisions made:**

- Next year (2020) we will have AGM on one day. Date: 29<sup>th</sup> of March.
- We have let the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer know that we are not satisfied with the way they have handled matters; we have our fears for future matters.
- We have made a laptop available for KidZchurch.
- We have agreed to pay the standard payments to our mission partners.
- We decide to ask the welcome team to function as ushers during Communion so people don't queue up in the middle of church.

- We have decided to ask the Fire Brigade about rules for linkage of chairs; we have done that three times but without an answer.
- Our published ANBI-status has been kept up to date (on website).
- The amount from the TYDE fundraising was €625 and has gone out to The Mission to Seafarers.
- We keep paying rent for Gill's House in Sri Lanka per six months as long as necessary. This is part of FOMT allocation.
- We made the building available to De Pracht Zomervakantiekoo; they payed rent and we shared the costs of piano tuning.
- Notices at the end of the service should be made known before the service.
- Council decided on proposal of FOMT to give the money from the Christmas Market to Joe and Anna Beswick for their mission trip to South-Africa.
- We decided to pursue all related issues with intent to purchase a church building in Eindhoven. The building was sold to a third party with first rights.
- We updated our hardware for backing up our website.
- We stopped working with Right Now Media because they do not work according to GDPR.
- We decided to take part in the Deanery Day; Francis (safeguarding), Rajesh, Joan (treasurer) and Jan (secretary) went.
- We work with the new Safeguarding Policy of the Diocese; lots of responsibility now lies with the chaplaincy.
- We have asked our landlord if our church building is still for sale.
- Pamela Armstrong worked in 2019 as Youth Ministry Pastoral Support Person; the work was covered with a 'vrijwilligersbijdrage'.
- We decided that Pamela will go on with her work in 2020 under the same conditions; in the second half of the year her payment will be evaluated.
- We have decided to ask the Diocese for project money on our project for Youth Ministry Pastoral Support; we made a budget of €8000, of which we can get 50%. The Diocese has agreed to this.
- We have decided to pay the full amount to the Diocesan Common Fund for 2019. For 2020 we have to make a new decision.
- We have bought two table tennis tables as equipment for Youth Ministries.
- We asked the Waalre Town Council to repair the pavement at our front door. That worked!
- After extended discussion we made a decision on the 'Role Description of the Youth Ministry Pastoral Support Person; We agreed to Pamela Armstrong in this position. An Agreement was signed.
- We decided to go for the use of paper towels in our restrooms.
- We decided to buy a new vacuum cleaner.
- We decided as a temporarily measure to offer the bread for Communion and to offer the chalice but let no one dip bread or drink wine.