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At Ardrossan and Saltcoats: Kirkgate Parish Church on 7th February 2017, which date and place the Presbytery of Ardrossan met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Revd James McNay MA BD.

Tribute

A fitting Tribute was given by Revd Fiona Ross BD Dip Min to the late Revd Margaret Thomson, retired minister of Saltcoats: Erskine Church who had died on the 26th December 2016.

Sederunt

Revd James McNay MA BD (Moderator) Mrs Jean C Q Hunter (Clerk)

Ministers: Scott Cameron, Ian S Currie, Alan Ford, David Heberton, Mandy Hickman, Marion Howie, Ross Mitchell, Alexander Noble, Fiona Ross, Martin Thomson, Alan H Ward, Elizabeth R L Watson, Tanya Webster, Jeanette Whitecross, David Whiteman

Diaconate: Isobel Beck, Fiona Blair

Elders: Mary Blair, Ian Brown, Stephen Brown, Andrew Campbell, Lindsay Campbell, Margaret Cassidy, Grahame Cunningham, Archie Currie, Margaret Green, Ian Hackney, Judith Howieson, Lynn Hunter, William (Roy) Kelso, Finlay Kerr, Ronald Lavalette, William Mackay, J B (Sheena) Marr, Annie Martin, Gordon McConnell, Stuart McMahon, Jemima McSwan, J Fulton Murdoch, Deirdre Murray, David Noble, Fiona Page, Anne Pringle, Allan Richardson, Magnus Ross, Eleanor Taylor, Kathleen Tudor, Ann Turner, Ken Welch

Corresponding Members: Mary Ford, Robert McCool, Evelyn Slater

Apologies for absence

Ministers: Angus Adamson, Norman Cruikshank, Alan Falconer, Dorothy Granger, Roderick Macdonald, Marjory Mackay, Alexander McCallum, Lily McKinnon, John Purves, Andrew Taylor, David Watson

Elders: Linda McClelland, Harry McIlreavy, H Mitchell, William Parker

Corresponding Members: Andrew Bruce, Elizabeth Clarke, Christine Thomas

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2016 (Pages 51-56) were approved.

Correspondence

A letter of thanks was received from Christian Aid for the donation of £80.00 from Presbytery arising from the sale of the Frankincense donated by Magnus Ross.

An E mail was received from Rev Becky Haldane with a request to address Presbytery about the work of the Sailors Society at a future meeting.//

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Order of Business

As in the agenda with three additional items: two items 7 & 8 under Business Committee and one item 3 under Ministries and Superintendence Committee.

Roll of Presbytery

Revd Margaret Thomson's name was removed from the roll of Presbytery.

STANDING COMMITTEES

REPORTS & DELIVERANCES

Business Committee

The Rev Ian Currie, Convenor gave a report and Presbytery approved the following deliverance:

Presbytery –

1. Receives the report;
2. notes that due to the illness of the Moderator Revd Dorothy Granger, Revd James McNay was appointed as Interim Moderator for Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church.
3. notes that the Presbytery of Ardrossan Standing Committee Remits Booklet was available for uplift for each Presbyter. The contents of the Booklet will not be included in the Presbytery Year Book as in previous years, but a reference to the booklet will be included in the Standing Orders. Those who were not present will receive their copy by post. An electronic version is also available from the Clerical Assistant Mrs Ailsa Morrison (07999345419).
4. notes that a training for new Presbytery elders and other interested elders took place on Saturday 28th January within Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church. The training was undertaken by the Business Convenor and the Clerk. The material used could be used again for subsequent trainings.
5. notes the result of the Overture Under the Barrier Act – Registration of Ministries:
No. of Presbyteries voting For – 32 Against – 13
Votes for approval – 1,400 Disapproval – 630
The results of the voting will be presented at the General Assembly.
6. notes that a) the Clerk and Business Convenor have attended two meetings with representatives of Ayr Presbytery and Irvine and Kilmarnock Presbytery with a view to discussing the future of Mission within the area covered by all three Presbyteries.//

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- b) a conference is proposed for the summer to allow us to meet as three presbyteries to encourage fellowship and to discuss any future cooperation.
 - c) such a meeting at this stage, is and remains, exploratory.
7. Notes that a Notice of Motion is given that there will be an Order of the Day at 8.00pm at the meeting of Presbytery on the 7th March, this to provide Presbytery with a report from the Nan Stevenston Trust trustees.
 8. grants permission to Dalry St Margaret's Church to call a minister on the terms of the basis of a seven year reviewable charge, this is with the concurrence of the Presbytery Planning Task Group.
 9. notes that the Unitary Deed of Constitution was issued by the Delegation of Assembly to Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity Church.

Finance and Stewardship Committee

The Convenor, Rev Tanya Webster, gave the Report and Presbytery approved the following deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. Receives the report (circulated);
2. approved a request from Kilwinning Mansefield Trinity Church (120674) for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £2,000 for installation of a Sound System to be funded from the 2017 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
3. approved a request from Beith Parish Church (120651) for a reduction in Actual Ministries and Mission Contributions of £3,000 to be used for outreach in the form of brochures, banners, website, media equipment and production of a video to be funded from the 2017 5% Ministries and Mission Reserve.
4. approved funding of up to £5,000 for the accommodation incurred on the Twinning visit to Malawi in April to be funded from the 2017 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve.
5. approved the request made by the congregation of Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church (120685) for a Presbytery Dispensation to vary payment of their 2017 Ministries and Mission Contributions from 10 to 12 monthly payments. They have asked for such a dispensation in the light of higher expenditure being faced by the congregation. They will make payments quarterly.//

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6. approved the request made by the congregation of Dalry St Margaret's (120657) for a Presbytery Dispensation to vary payment of their 2017 Ministries and Mission Contributions from 10 to 12 monthly payments. They will make payment – as in previous years – in two equal payments in June and November. Such is their income pattern that they need this arrangement to stay in the black.
7. notes that 2016 allocations of the 5% Presbytery Ministries and Mission Reserve have been inconsistently accounted for and that congregations who have not reduced their 2016 Ministries and Mission Contributions will be advised by 121 directly that the amount may be deducted from their 2017 contributions.

Ministries and Superintendence Committee

The Convenor, Revd Martin Thomson gave the Report and Presbytery Approved the following deliverance:

Presbytery:

1. Receives the report;
2. notes that a review had taken place of the placement of Revd Mandy Hickman, OLM at West Kilbride Parish Church.
3. agreed that Revd Mandy Hickman's placement as OLM at West Kilbride Parish Church be sustained for a further year.
4. approves the nomination of Rev Tanya Webster, Rev Dorothy Granger and Rev James McNay as supervisors for Candidates in Training for Ministry of Word and Sacrament.
5. instructs the Clerk to send an Extract Minute to the Ministries Council accordingly.

Mission Committee

Revd Mandy Hickman, gave the report on behalf of the Committee

Presbytery:

1. Received the report;
2. Mandy reported on information from the Mission and Discipleship Committee, the information was in the way of flyers and these would be circulated to Presbyters in the next few days.//

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Adjournment

Presbytery adjourned to meet on Tuesday 7th March 2017 within Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church for the conduct of Ordinary Business.

Business Committee to meet on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 3.00 pm within Ardrossan Saltcoats Kirkgate Parish Church.

Presbytery was then adjourned by the pronouncing of the benediction by the Revd James McNay MA BD.

..... Moderator

..... Clerk
