



CGMC EXECUTIVE MEETING
25th January 2006 at URC Church House, London

Present : Karen Bulley (Moderator), Steve Pearce (Treasurer), Aled Davies, Doug Swanney(Secretary)

ACTION

1. **Apologies:** Anne Taylor, Peter Fishpool
2. **Matters Arising from previous meeting:**
 From the Executive Meeting September 2005 -
 - New Directions – It was noted that the bill was yet to be received from Nottingham despite them being asked a number of times in the last few months. All other Invoices had been paid and as soon as the University had been paid this brought this piece of work to a close.
 - Website – The new CGMC website was now up and running and many had commented positively on its appearance and content. It was noted that it would need to be moved on to its own webspace as it was presently housed on the main Methodist server. It was agreed to purchase web space but we would look at this in conjunction with plans for the CORE website. All minutes would be posted on the site in future, both Business meetings and Executive meetings, with any sensitive material being removed. Attempts would be made to obtain pdfs of any out of date publications that would be useful to those working with children in the church and these would be placed on the website. At present the CGMC site does not feature highly in any search engine and members of CGMC should be encouraged to bookmark the site and try to visit it twice a day to move it up the ratings. It was decided to hold off doing anything about a password area for members and revisit this in the future. Minutes would be posted in the site for reference.
 - Epworth Trust – the money that Spectrum was awarded is their name only, there is no claim on it from CORE. That is not to say that the e-learning potential would not benefit us in the future.
3. **Finance Update:**
 Although there is a current balance in the bank of c. £33,500 it was noted that £12,000 of that was monies received from Westhill which was already earmarked for CORE projects and another £20,000 was the outstanding amount owed to Nottingham, leaving a balance of c. £1,500 that was wholly CGMC monies. This is lower than we would normally hold in the bank to cover running expenses and to act as a cushion to conferences. The Treasurer pointed out that the invoices for 2006 membership would be sent out in the next month and this should raise the CGMC accounts back to their normal levels. The Treasurer was asked to present separate accounts to the Business meeting detailing the CORE monies and CGMC monies for 2005 and also the first quarter of 2006.
 The switch of Bank Accounts from the Royal Bank of Scotland to the Co-op Bank was noted – this would provide us an assurance of ethical banking, a savings account, and also internet banking facilities. When changed any cheque would require any two signatures from the three Executive Officers.
4. **CORE**
 The Woking minutes were circulated and the following decisions were reached –

DS

SP

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conference in Nottingham would go ahead and would be backed by the Executive • The CORE Editorial group was noted as being dissolved and their enormous effort was praised. To continue with the CORE program it was agreed that a new CORE management group needed to be formed with the following tasks – Project Co-ordination, Publicity and Launches, Accreditation, Website and e-learning, Commissioning of new modules, and a Course Co-ordinator. 	CGMC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Launch program was agreed and the persons recommended by the Editorial Group would be contacted. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The budget was discussed and approved with the proviso that the Treasurer ensured that all monies paid out for CORE over the last three years is reclaimed by CGMC from the Westhill money before any other expenditure is made. 	SP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The publicity programme would begin immediately with fliers for the conference. BRF would be contacted to discuss their involvement in the publicity costs. 	DS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenders would be sought for the building, hosting, and maintenance of the website. Two companies would initially be contacted – PJBonline and Baignet. 	DS/SP
<p>5. Personal and Corporate memberships:</p>	
<p>The take up of the personal membership was noted and it was hoped this would prove fruitful for the group as a whole. This would be reviewed when the 3 year memberships were up. A paper on membership would go to the Business meeting looking at unused spaces at conferences and utilising local networks.</p>	DS
<p>6. Children's Ministry Magazine:</p>	
<p>An e-mail from Rachel Coupe had been received asking if CGMC could consider working with her on a feasibility study into launching a printed Children's Ministry magazine. It was decided to follow up on her request to find out more details of her ideas. It was noted that any printed magazine would need to be backed up by a web resource. The idea of such a publication would also be discussed with Rosie Nixon at Roots for Churches to see if there was any interest. If there was any response it could be put on the agenda for the March Business meeting.</p>	DS
<p>7. Network Meetings:</p>	
<p>The existence of other Children's Ministry networks in the UK and Ireland had been noted in the last few months and it was important CGMC made contact with these various networks.</p>	DS
<p>8. ECCE</p>	
<p>ECCE is twelve months away and there were still some key task to be completed. Concern was raise at the lack of response to the Solidarity Fund, to date only the URC and the Methodists have responded with money for this. It was agreed that members needed to be reminded of this Fund. With the tasks mounting up it was felt that is the current CGMC representatives on the Steering Group, Karen and Aled, were unable to attend meetings or required support then this should fall to the Executive.</p>	SP
<p>9. Dates of next Executive meetings:</p>	
<p>17th –18th October 2006, Barnes Close, Birmingham</p>	
<p>20th June 2007, Methodist Church House, London</p>	
<p>17th –18th October 2007, Scotland</p>	
<p>Karen reminded all of the importance of prioritising these meetings as we need a full complement in attendance.</p>	
<p>Dates of next CGMC meetings:</p>	
<p>13-15 March 2006, Dublin, Ireland</p>	
<p>8-10 September 2006, CORE Conference, Nottingham, England</p>	
<p>15-16 November 2006, Feldon Lodge, England</p>	
<p>(tbc) March 2007, Scotland</p>	
<p>6-7 November 2007, Woodbrooke, Birmingham, England</p>	Exec