



**CGMC BUSINESS MEETING**  
**16<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at Church of Ireland Theological College, Dublin**

**Present :** Karen Bulley (Moderator), Rosemary Johnston, Heather McLeen, Steve Pearce (Treasurer) Ian Ellis, , Martin Lambourne, Anne Taylor, Lynn Chambers, Sheila Mitchell, Kay Warrington, Peter Hamill, Peter Fishpool, Aled Davies, Linda Pollock, Alan Charter, Martyn Payne, Marian Hartwell, Paul Godfrey, Doug Swanney(Secretary)

**ACTION**

The Moderator welcomed all to the meeting, especially those that were attending for the first time. The group shared their names and which organisation they were representing.

1. **Apologies:** Diana Murrie, Jane Whitcombe, Jan Mathieson, David Hamilton, Roger Batt, Chris Nickolay, Howard Nurden, Ruth Hassall, Maureen Baldwin, Vicki Shaver, Steve Mallon

2. **Minutes of the Business Meeting** of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2005 were accepted.

3. **Matters arising:**

- **Membership Strategy and Personal Membership**

The Executive had looked at the issue of membership as requested at the last Business meeting. Paper 1 was presented for discussion. It was agreed that agencies who paid their membership fee but chose not to attend were offering passive support to the group and this was acceptable. It was agreed that we continued to contact other CTBI agencies at regular intervals and ensured our presence was felt. Members were encouraged to utilise any personal contacts they had in the other agencies of CTBI who did not attend. It was agreed that CGMC could recognise any agency that it felt was influential in Children's Ministry and this would be reflected in re-drafted Terms of Reference. It was proposed that the people who currently had Personal membership because of CGMC's wish to have their agency represented should be moved to full membership where the agency was willing, letters would be sent to all five current personal members. These agencies are –

Scripture Union ( in England and Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and Northern Ireland), BRF, CPAS, Church Lads' and Church Girls Brigade. Other groups would be considered at later dates. It was agreed that any addition to the membership would need to be brought to the Business Meeting and agreed before any approach was made. Any agency asked to be considered must be working at a national level in order to be eligible for membership.

- **Website**

The website [www.cgmcontheweb.com](http://www.cgmcontheweb.com) was now up and running. All documents that members required could be found there and would be continually updated. Links had been established from the website to all members websites and they all are requested to link to the CGMC website where possible. The website is presently housed on The Methodist Church server and could only be accessed by Doug. In order to enable all the Executive to update the site, it needed to be moved. It was agreed this should be done and that the quote from PJB Online of £120 was acceptable. This would provide annual hosting and e-mail addresses from the site. Doug was thanked for all the work he has done to establish a well presented and communicative website on behalf of CGMC.

- **Unfinished Business**

The Copyright from all previous CGMC publications had been obtained from CTBI and we are now free to have the books scanned and placed on the website for download. Unfinished Business would form the theme for the next CGMC conference in November.

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4. **CTBI Working Agreement:** It had come to light in the process of changing the bank accounts that CGMC did not have an official working agreement signed with CTBI. This should have been completed and was required by CTBI. The 'Terms of Reference', which were drafted in 2000, were circulated, as this was the draft of the network agreement that had never been moved forward.

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It was agreed that this should be updated and then circulated to members. The main changes to be made were the updating of the list of CTBI affiliated agencies and the removal of any specifically named agency.

CTBI would then be offered the paper and asked to add the financial clauses to ensure their non-liability in case of legal action or bankruptcy.

5. **Finance**

Steve presented the Finance papers and talked to the accounts. It was noted that the Nottingham bill still had not been paid and would be as soon as it was received. The group accepted the new CORE budget. The bank accounts were in the process of being moved to the Co-op in order to enable us to bank more ethically and to utilise internet banking. The forms for this were in the process of being completed.

Steve requested that all members used the invoice forms for claiming any money back, these were available on the website. Steve was thanked for his work in presenting the accounts.

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6. **CORE**

Steve reported that the final text of CORE was now with BRF and the final stage was the proofing, which he would complete.

The work of the Editorial Group was now at an end and all who had participated were thanked for their work and commitment.

A new management group was now required to take the process forward. The following roles had been identified as necessary – Project Co-ordinator, Publicity and Launches, Accreditation, Website and e-learning, new modules, Course co-ordinator, and CGMC Executive link. These roles had been circulated around the group and following no response to the request for volunteers the Executive offered the following names (in order of roles as listed previously), Steve Pearce, Doug Swanney, Martin Lambourne, Peter Hamill, Martyn Payne, Jenny West, and Karen Bulley. These suggestions were agreed.

An outline of the 'CORE Issues' conference and the Regional launches were read out to the group and is available on the website. It was agreed that the audience of the conference was those who would be training CORE in their areas. All members were asked to advertise and encourage attendance at the conference. It was noted that we needed to engage with the right audience to make this conference a success.

7. **ECCE**

Karen reported from the ECCE Steering Group where she and Aled (as previous Moderator) represented CGMC. The papers had been circulated around the group and the booking forms were also available on the CGMC website. A new ECCE website was now up and running [www.ecceweb.org](http://www.ecceweb.org). 40 places were available to the UK and Ireland and it is expected we will fill all these.

Aled reported on the Solidarity Fund which was needed to bring people to the conference from Eastern Europe. It would cost £500 to fund one person to attend. So far, only £800 had been pledged from within CGMC and it was hoped this could be added to in the weeks to come. The Solidarity Fund needs to be in place by June to ensure we can bring as many people as we can.

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8. **Future Conferences**

- **8-10 September 2006, Nottingham - CORE Issues in Training**

- **14-15 November 2006, Feldon Lodge - Unfinished Business**
- **29 January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2007, St Pollten, Vienna - ECCE**
- **March 2007 – Scotland**
- **6/7 November 2007, Woodbrooke, Birmingham**

**10. CNNV (Churches' Network for Non-Violence)**

Rosemary outlined the new 'Respecting Children' pack which had been launched by CNNV the previous week. Copies could be obtained from Chris Dodd at CNNV.

**11. World Council of Churches**

Rosemary and Steve had attended the WCC in Brazil to present the CNNV workshop and to offer information in the Resource area. This had been an extremely fruitful event.

**12. Communication**

The group was reminded that all communication would be sent by e-mail and posted on the web. If any member required material sent by regular post it was up to them to contact the Secretary and request this. Similarly if someone is replacing a member at a conference it is up to the member to forward the e-mail communication to them.

The meeting recognised those who were leaving CGMC either because of retirement or post reductions and thanked them for their contribution over the years.

The meeting closed.