



CGMC BUSINESS MEETING
12th March 2007 at Ammerdown, Bath

Present : Jo Williams, Paul Godfrey, Nick Lear, Sheila Mitchell, Angela Williams, Martin Lambourne, Chris Nickolay, Aled Davies, Margaret Grant, David Lankshear, Andrea Harrison, Roger Batt, Ann Taylor, Paul Godfrey, Mary Hawes, Steve Pearce(Treasurer), Doug Swanney (Secretary).

	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies: Karen Bulley, David Hamilton, Jan Mathieson, Ian Ellis, Peter Hamill, Peter Fishpool.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes Minutes from the meeting of 14th November 2006 were approved.</p>	
<p>3. Mail received CGMC is awaiting a formal letter from CTBI regarding our formal status as a network of CTBI. Aled had attended a meeting of CTBI networks where the CGMC model of working was appreciated. Ruth Hassall has written to say she is no longer responsible for children's work and therefore does not wish to continue her personal membership. Karen had written to the Methodist Church regretting its plans to cut back its work with children, no reply had been received. Westhill Endowment who have given grants to our CORE and Interactive Bible projects, have requested discussions with CGMC about the possibility of funding a post based at CGMC to further our agenda of challenging children's ministry in the four nations. Members responded warmly to this, - several pieces of work are limited at the moment by the time members are able to commit, the 2009 Year of the Child Conference and a new CGMC report on Core Issues could be a focus, it should be project focused so that CGMC is not dependent on it long term. It was agreed we should talk to Alan Charter in relation to Children Matter. We agreed that the Executive take this further with Westhill.</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>DS/AD</p>
<p>4. Membership Members appreciated the new organisational members – CLCGB, BRF, Roots and personal membership of Vicky Shaver, Alan Charter. It was agreed to write to Yvonne Scott (now responsible for children's ministry at CPAS) to offer organisational membership to CPAS, or personal membership if that is what is preferred. Godly Play, Children's Ministry, Boys Brigade, & Girls Brigade it was agreed, would be approached to offer organisational membership. Sheila suggested contact with ACIA, Doug reported he had contacted all CTBI denominations. Members were encouraged to find personal contacts in those denominations not yet represented.</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>DS</p>
<p>5. Finance Reports of the financial activities of CGMC, including CORE were presented by the Treasurer and accepted by the meeting.</p>	

6. **CORE**
Minutes of the latest management group meeting had been circulated and the convenor gave a short verbal report. 2,000 copies have been sold to date.
Core and more or 'en-core', were suggested as titles for the additional modules series.
Nick gave contact details of a Baptist Union group for special needs.
7. **ECCE**
Members appreciated the conference, a good way to learn about other churches and other ways, e.g. the Finnish Church commitment to children represented by the employment of 3,000 children's workers, etc. The input of the British group into worship was much appreciated. We did present an offer to host ECCE in Britain in 2009, but this was withdrawn in the end and the next meeting will be in France in 2010.
The ECCE Executive was expected to be reduced in number from 10 to 8, but in the event reduced to 5. Paul Godfrey is now the Britain and Ireland representative and Aled continues as treasurer.
An invitation had been extended to CGMC by the Church in Finland for a visit in 2009, especially to find out more about the 'Church at Play' project.
8. **International Conference 2009**
CGMC will continue with this event, much interest in attending was expressed by members of ECCE.
9. **Interactive Children's Bible**
Westhill have agreed to support this project which Aled is organising supported by AD publishing and BRF. It will comprise 40 well known Bible stories each having a double page story and a double page learning activity spread. There will also be a leader's manual. The project needs a planning group but there is budget to pay writers.
Volunteers to work on this: Jo and David.
It was noted that SU are developing a Bible aimed at schools with lesson plans.
10. **Groups**
The Extended Schools Group has met twice and a draft Extended Schools leaflet has been prepared.
Bob Fyffe has asked that the CORE issues/Unfinished Business project be convened by someone else. David Lankshear agreed to take over.
11. **Intergenerational Church Forum**
This forum was not known to members but it was noted that it has met twice. It is a group of representatives from Christian organisations to understand and influence intergenerational work in the churches, avoiding taking a children's perspective. Mary Hawes has contact details.
12. **It was agreed to work in project groups on the following:**
Possible CGMC Officer and the Core issues process
International Conference
Extended Schools
13. **Future Dates**
20 June 2007 Executive, MCH, London
17/18 Oct Exec, venue tbc
6/7 Nov CGMC B'ham (Chris offered to help Peter on this)
March 08 CGMC Wales (Aled and Angela to organise)
Nov 08 London

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March 09 Scotland
Nov 09 Birmingham

13. Executive Election

Nominations were invited for the new executive to start a three year term in January 08. Karen Bulley (Moderator), Doug Swanney (Secretary), Steve Pearce (Treasurer) and Aled Davies (Wales) had all offered to serve another term. They were duly elected.

It was noted that other two members of the Executive should be drawn from Scotland and Ireland. It was pointed out that both the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church representatives work in Scotland as well as England and Wales. It was however felt that a person from within Scotland would be advisable. Two representatives from Scotland and Ireland felt unable to take up positions on the Executive as they did not feel they could attend the meeting or offer anything to the group. They both requested that it might be possible if they could job share with other members from these countries. It was agreed that they could do so as long as they ensured someone was present and willing to take on the work. The Executive needed to be six members to share out the ever growing workload. They both agreed to contact the Secretary prior to the Executive meeting on 20th June to offer a final decision.

Paul is to be invited to attend Executive meetings falling after ECCE planning meetings.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

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