



CGMC BUSINESS MEETING
6th November 2007 at Woodbrooke, Birmingham

Present : Jo Williams, Angela Williams, Martin Lambourne, Chris Nickolay, Aled Davies, David Lankshear, Andrea Harrison, Martyn Payne, Peter Fishpool, Mary Hawes, Alan Charter, Ian Ellis, Pater Hamill, Karen Bulley (Moderator), Steve Pearce(Treasurer), Doug Swanney (Secretary).

	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies: David Hamilton, Jan Mathieson, Roger Batt, Anne Taylor, Jane Whitcombe, Peter Privett</p>	
<p>CGMC stood in silence and remembered our friend Paul Godfrey.</p>	
<p>2. Matters Arising from previous Minutes</p>	
<p>Relationship with CTBI – continuing to discuss with CTBI where we will relate to in the new structure, as this is decided we will work to strengthen our relationship with them.</p>	
<p>Interactive Bible – this project has been worked upon but reached a dead end and so the grant was returned to Westhill and a line drawn under this.</p>	
<p>Extended Schools – Leaflet had been produced and circulated. This is still available on the website.</p>	
<p>CORE Issues group – met in July and produced a paper which would be used in the following session.</p>	
<p>Election of Executive Member</p>	
<p>Irish place had been filled by Mary Hawes for the term and if an Irish representative comes forward then they will become an additional member. This still leaves the Executive one person short and so one further person was required. Nominations to be given to the Moderator by the close of the day.</p>	
<p>ECCE Representative</p>	
<p>Paper circulated and nominations to be given to the Moderator by the end of the day. Signatories had been added to the ECCE bank account from the office bearers of the CGMC Exec.</p>	
<p>Finance Report</p>	
<p>Steve spoke to the papers presented.</p>	
<p>The Westhill money for the development of CORE would be used up by the end of this year and a report would be sent to Westhill. The CORE weekend in Swanwick had been well received and had taken CORE to a very different constituent.</p>	<p>SP</p>
<p>An expenses policy was presented to the group. It was agreed that a cancellation policy would be put in place – all bookings should be made in writing to the Secretary by the date specified. The Expense policy was agreed with the additions and would be posted on the website.</p>	<p>DS</p>

CORE Update

A final report would be sent to Westhill. The Executive suggested that the Management Group be wound up as the majority of the agreed task had been completed by the group.

Accreditation and induction – possibility of developing something ecumenically that would be of use for the churches.

Westhill Project

A report was given about the journey so far regarding our application for funding for a Research post.

The Group agreed the importance of continuing to work the relationship with Westhill and our successful delivery of CORE which was funded by Westhill. The invitation to meet with some of the Trustees in May would be accepted and we would see where this might lead.

DS

International Conference 2009

A paper from the Executive was presented and discussed. Concerns were raised about the workload and issues around funding in enabling those from abroad. WCC had indicated that there was still no staff person who would naturally take a lead with this idea.

It was decided that although CGMC should and would do something for 2009 that this Conference was not thought to be the best way of utilising the resources of CGMC.

At the March conference time will be given to work on the top five issues from the More Core Issues work – people would then be asked to look at the website – stories, articles would be posted under the five themes.

DL
DS**More Core Skills Conference**

CGMC agreed that a further conference to focus on the new Core Skills modules, 'training the trainers' as well as looking again at the printed material would be welcomed. The sessions at the Conference will be led by members of CGMC working with those from the writing groups. Provisional enquiries have been made to Nottingham University for the weekend of 5th – 7th September 2008, CGMC agreed to book this.

Doug and Mary offered to continue to move this forward. It was hoped that initial publicity would be available by the end of the year.

MH & DS

Themes for next 3 years

Feedback forms had been distributed to the group with the papers for this meeting. All members were asked to return these to the Secretary as soon as possible. On the forms people could indicate themes they wished CGMC to address as well as willingness to host a conference in the next three years. These forms would then enable the Executive to develop a programme based on agreed needs which would then give a steer to where the best places to have the Conferences would be.

Exec

CTE Matters

After discussion with John Baxter-Brown, Youth Officer to CTE, it was decided to respond to their specific enquiries through the Secretary. These were -

Greenbelt – it was not thought that running children's workers training at Greenbelt was something that we would wish to undertake.

Extended Schools – The Secretary would attend meeting on 22nd November at CTE on Extended Schools and report back. The Secretary would check with Bob Fyffe at CTBI the exact understanding of the place of CGMC within the four nations. CTE would be reminded that Extended Schools affected more than England which is why CGMC has been working on this issue.

DS

Amaze – The Secretary would endeavour to meet with John to determine who is already attending the Board of Amaze and what are they looking for from CGMC. CGMC members

to check within their own structures to ascertain denominational involvement in Amaze. Letters to all national instruments of CTBI would be sent to the General Secretaries to offer the services of CGMC in any areas of children's work as outlined by CTBI.

Proposed dates

Aled and Angela presented the conference plan for Bangor – the group agreed this programme.

The dates for the next three years conferences were circulated and these would then have themes and places added to them by the Executive. The agreed dates are –

11th –13th March 2008
18th –19th November 2008
24th –26th February 2009
10th –11th November 2010
9th –11th March 2010
9th –10th November 2010

This being all the business the meeting was closed.

Wednesday 6th November 2007

The Moderator opened the meeting.

Two nominations had been received for the two vacant posts –
Executive Member – Alan Charter
ECCE Representative – Steve Pearce

These nominations were accepted and heartily endorsed by the meeting.

Peter Fishpool and Anne Taylor were thanked for their work on the Executive over the last three years.

This being all the business the group then moved to a work sharing session.

