



CGMC BUSINESS MEETING
9th March 2010 at the Wycliffe Centre, nr. High Wycombe

Present :

Karen Bulley (Moderator); Aled Davies (Treasurer); Peter Hamill; Jo Williams; Joy Raynor; Sue Doggett; Alan Charter; Andrea Harrison; Sian Hancock; Hannah Field; Mary Hawes; Alison Hendy; Rosemary Nixon; David Lankshear; Vicky Shaver; Stephen Haward; Audrey Simm; Liz Shah; Alice Langtree and Martyn Payne (Secretary)

Apologies: Ed Jones; Chris Nicholai; Marcus Bull; Victoria Beach; Mo Baldwin; Martin Lambourne; Sue Price; Penny Fuller; Emma Paton and Beth Bailey

1. Matters Arising from previous Minutes

None

2. Finance

Aled presented the CGMC accounts for 2009. The CGMC balance is healthy at around £10,800 pounds. 2009 subscriptions are now in.

3. Membership Update

The Centre for Youth Ministry and the Assemblies of God were welcomed as members of CGMC. Ed Jones for Arise Ministries is also now a member. We are still looking for representation from Scotland. Vicki Shaver may be able to help us in this.

4. Minutes from Executive Meeting (January 2010)

Karen reported on discussions regarding the Grace Project which had approached CGMC for funding and support. She had written to explain the CGMC cannot provide such funding.

5. The new CGMC Executive

The current Exec reaches the end of its three year period at the end of 2010. Karen does not wish to continue on the Exec, having completed eight years in total. The rest of the Exec were willing to stand for a further term of three years. The present Executive nominated Penny Fuller and also proposed that Peter Hamill become the new Moderator. Further nominations and suggestions were invited. Later that day we revisited this agenda item and Penny was elected and Peter welcomed as the incoming Moderator. The new Executive will begin its term in January 2011.

6. The CGMC website

Penny has been updating the site. New member details will be added following this conference. It was generally felt that there was further scope to use the site more creatively.

7. Feedback on the ECCE Conference – February 2010

Stephen Haward and Alison Hendy reported to the group on ECCE highlights including:

- The opportunity to widen our perspectives regarding children's work
- The impact of the Bible reflections given by the Rt. Rev. Paul Butler
- The ecumenical worship in the chapel
- The conversations with other delegates between meals and after the seminars
- The creative response sessions organized by the Finnish delegation
- The content of the seminars
- The venue and the food!

CGMC congratulated Mary for doing a great job as the new ECCE President. The overall feel of the conference was friendly and the content was much appreciated. In 2013 ECCE will be held in Helsinki. Aled (ECCE Treasurer) and Mary welcomed views about the length of the next conference and ideas for a theme. In 2016 it will be held in the UK

8. More Core Skills conference September 2010

Peter Hamill reported on the Chester conference to launch of More Core Skills. Flyers are now available in hard copy and as a pdf. A new booking form will be made available on the CGMC website for this conference. It was reported that Rt. Rev. Paul Butler is writing the foreword to the new book

9. Core Skills for Children's Work (Book 1)

Aled reported that after discussions with BRF there will be a reprint of Core Skills for May 2010. Aled and Karen are meeting Karen Laister and Sue of BRF soon to discuss how CGMC and BRF can promote further sales of Core Skills

Peter Hamill reports on the hopes to validate Core Skills modules as towards 20 points towards higher level certification which could theoretically lead on to degree level in children's work. This is through St. Mary's@ St Deniol's in association with Glyndwr University.

10. CTBI

Mary and Alan are meeting with Bob Fyffe in April to raise the profile again of CGMC as a vibrant network of CTBI

11. Future CGMC Conferences

November 2010 – 48 hr conference. Peter outlined the programme (9th-11th November) which will include stories of growing up as a child during the troubles; a visit to the Methodist training college; a visit to a number of children's projects including one on play.

March 2011 - 48hr conference. The hope is to hold a conference in north-east Scotland on

the theme of children's ministry in rural settings. Karen Bulley is looking for ideas and help with this.

12. Suggested topics of interest for future meetings

Following this conference some ideas for future meetings began to emerge including:

- the need to become aware of contemporary culture in the areas of technology and social networking and their influence on children – Karen will pick up in the March 2011 conference.
- Promotion of co-operation between those who are offering theological training for children's leaders
- An improved use of the CGMC website with connections to the member organisations' and denominations' websites and visa versa

The meeting closed at 3.00 pm