



CGMC Business Meeting Minutes

1st April 2014, The Highbury Centre, London

Present: Gail Adcock; Mo Baldwin; Grant Barclay; John Brown; Lorraine Darlow; Aled Davies (Treasurer); Suzi Farrant ; Penny Fuller (Moderator); Nick Harding; Andrea Harrison; Stephen Haward; Mary Hawes; Natalie Husk; Ed Jones; Richard Knott; Karen Morrison; Martyn Payne (Secretary); Joy Raynor; Nicky Blair; Raymond Ruttle; James Mulhall.

Apologies: Hannah Field; Alan Charter; David Lankshear; Ian Bunce

Penny chaired the meeting and welcomed Nick Harding, Raymond Ruttle and John Brown as first-time visitors to CGMC. We also welcomed back Mo Baldwin as a co-opted member

1. Matters arising from the previous business meeting (15/11/13)

Action

There were a number of issues to follow up from our discussions last November and we broke up into groups to look at how the CGMC workload could be shared. We focused on the best pattern for our conferences and who should take the lead when we go to a particular geographical area. Any conference planning needs to have a clear framework and perhaps could include one Executive member and at least two other members. Because of pressure on people's diaries, it was suggested that in future the 48 hour conference is a biennial event. Another suggestion was that it would be helpful to have a synopsis of what our speaker would be talking about before we arrived at the conference. The Executive will discuss all these comments in their 24 hour planning meeting scheduled for this September.

Exec

2. Finance

Aled presented the end of year CGMC accounts which have been audited by CTBI. The amount of money in our current account at the moment is high because we are holding funds from the Methodist Church towards a Family Ministry Conference planned for November 2015. There have also been some royalties from Core Skills and finally Aled reported on some outstanding subscriptions from last year,

3. Report from the CGMC Executive meeting 14/01/14

Copies were available for members to see. Martyn reported briefly on the encouraging sales of the new Revised Core Skills; discussions with Children's Work magazine about possible articles on CGMC's work; and the fact that he has approached a number of other denominations/organisations looking for representation at CGMC. Other items from this meeting were on the agenda.

4. CGMC membership update and election of a new member to the Executive

Alan Charter has given notice that he can no longer serve on the Executive. A member from Ireland would be very welcome and James Mulhall agreed to go back to his children's committee to see whether he could fulfil this role. He will let us know as soon as possible.

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5. Follow-up to our Family Matters conference, November 2013

- a. Martyn reported on the material that is now available on the CGMC website following the conference.

- b. Gail reported on the proposed joint Family Ministry Research project with the Methodist church. This research will be owned by CGMC and a research company has been appointed (Merida Associates). Both Martyn and Gail, who were part of the interview panel, were very impressed by their enthusiasm and interest in this particular project. An online survey is now available and this will be publicised through our website and Facebook™, and also the postcards that members were given at this meeting. Gail is hoping for as wide a response as possible and this should include all colleges and the networks of CGMC members. Nicky pointed out that the Presbyterian Church of Ireland has chosen not to be part of CTBI but that they would be a very useful group to be involved in this survey. It was agreed that they should be invited to contribute and also invited to attend CGMC in future if they wish. The request was made that Gail should monitor the range of responses to make sure that it was cross-denominational. The brief for the survey is wide including exploring what family ministry means as well as how it is resourced and worked out in practice.

- c. A third outcome from the Family Matters conference is the proposed Core Skills download module on Family Ministry. A paper was circulated about this. Gail Adcock and Jane Butcher have already committed to working on this and are looking for two others to join the group. Mo Baldwin offered to be part of the writing group and Karen Morrison suggested a member of the URC Network would be interested. She will be in touch with Gail about this. This module will be available as a download from the BRF and CGMC websites. Martyn would talk with BRF about this and Aled asked the writing group to explore what budget would be needed to produce this material.

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6. Future conferences

- a. 20th - 21st November 2014 is booked at the International Mission Centre in Birmingham. The CGMC Executive will be putting this conference together under the title 'The way ahead' (for CGMC). We will draw on a number of strands including feedback at this and previous meetings from CGMC members and also the momentum that has been created and lessons learned from the last two November conferences.

- b. 17th - 19th March 2015 is booked for a 48 hour conference in North Wales. 'Pilgrimage with children' is a possible theme and a local working group will be set up by Aled.

- c. November 2015 conference will be the launch of the Family Ministry Research findings. Once the research is complete this summer, we will be able to determine where this should take place and who might be the potential audience alongside CGMC members.

Exec

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7. CGMC website and other social media

Joy Raynor has agreed to help us monitor the content of the CGMC website; Mary agreed to look at and mend some of the broken web links; Martyn will continue to put up documents from conferences and business meetings; Richard Knott has been asked whether he would consider being an administrator for the CGMC Facebook™ page.

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8. Core Skills at the Hand in Hand seminars- feedback

Andrea reported briefly how successful these had been at Eastbourne. Each of the modules that we presented had had a good audience who participated well. All copies of Core Skills in the bookshop and on the BRF stand sold out!

9. Other business

Nicky raised the possibility of creating some additional supplementary material for the Special Needs module in More Core Skills. He will bring a proposal to our next Business meeting. The Executive would also consider whether More Core Skills also needs revising or re-packaging in some way.

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The next CGMC business meeting will be: 20th November, 2014 at IMC in Birmingham