



Minutes of the Annual Chaplaincy Meeting

Sunday 28th August 2022

1. **Opening Prayer and Introduction** was said at 12.00 noon

Kokouksen avaus klo 12

2. **Attendance and Apologies**

Läsnäolijoiden toteaminen

Attendees (13): Tuomas Mäkipää, Jane Mayhew-Smith, Johnson Samuel, Arne Laitinen, Humphrey Kalanje, Sarah Tahvanainen, Linda & Otto Jämsen, Reg Kennedy, Lara McCoy (left after 5.2), Erik Riekko (left after 5.2), Joel Gillin, Dave (a visitor, left after 5.2)

3. **Appointment of meeting officials**

Pöytäkirjan tarkastajien valinta. Valittiin seuraavat henkilöt

Sarah Tahvanainen was appointed as secretary

Johnson Samuel and Linda Jämsen were appointed to check the minutes of the meeting

4. **Adoption of minutes from the 2021 ACM**

Edellisen yleisen kokouksen pöytäkirjan merkintä tiedoksi. Merkittiin.

Humphrey Kalanje proposed that the minutes be adopted, seconded by Arne Laitinen. The minutes were carried with no objections or amendments.

5. **Annual Report 2021, Financial Report 2020 & Auditor's statement**

2021 Vuosikertomus sekä tilintarkastajan lausunto. Vuosikertomus talousliitteineen hyväksyttiin.

- 5.1 The Annual Report was overdue as additional book-keeping was required over the summer months to ensure the financial report met the necessary standards. Consequently, the Council was asked to sign off the documents at a late stage and an insufficient return of signatures meant the Auditor was unable to sign the report in time for the meeting. There are now enough council signatures for the Auditor, whose report is expected imminently. An additional meeting will be required to release the council from their liabilities for 2021, once the Auditor has signed off the financial report.

- 5.2 Financial Report 2021

The 'Profit & Loss' spreadsheet shows a deficit of 80,000 euros. This relates to the money used from our acquisition of funds (income from church assets). The value of our investment portfolio has therefore been reduced by 20,000 euros.

Johnson highlighted that the overall expenses have largely been the same as budgeted.

There have been more expenses this year, for example from personnel costs. The decision to invest in the Church's future comes at a cost but we do need to think of ways in which we can reduce these costs.

The Chaplain emphasised that free-will giving is important and the hope is that the Chaplaincy can have a steadier income.

The next Council will need to make swift decisions to protect the Chaplaincy as far as possible from the current escalation in prices.

Arne Laitinen asked if the investments are satisfactory, and the Chaplain responded that funds have tripled in value. Jane Mayhew inquired about the nature of our investments and whether they served God's creation, to which the Chaplain was able to give the following breakdown:

- 1) Global Start-Ups with a criterion for being responsible in their society
- 2) Renewable/Sustainable energy
- 3) Management fund

- 5.3 Annual Report

The Annual Report is structured according to the '5 marks of mission'. During our review the following points were highlighted:

- The number of baptisms has come down and it is important to remind people they can come to baptism at any age
- Music ministry is expanding with different styles of service and concerts. Full use of the church space has not been possible until recently due to covid. The Director of Music, Erik Johannes Riekko, would appreciate more choir members coming forward and is open to suggestions and feedback regarding the current rehearsal time of 6pm on Thursday evenings. Musical groups/visitors are welcome to speak to Erik about potential collaborations. We now have an exciting partnership with Töölö seurakunta.
- Thanks were made to the Roslof family for their contribution to our church life and community, with well wishes for their move to the States. Lily Roslof was thanked in her absence for her wonderful re-design of our logo.
- Thanks was also given to the Sunday School and Youth leaders for their work, and to Peter Knight and Peter Joy for their environmental contributions to the newsletter.
- Jane Mayhew reported that the Women's Group was able to continue online during 2021, with a highlight being a carol service from Linda's home
- The Chaplain noted would like to see more celebrations of cultural days that are important to our diverse community

- The Anglican Church in Finland has a strong voice and influence in ecumenical matters despite our relatively small numbers.

5.3 The Chaplain invited comments. Reg Kennedy asked to speak and his comments were followed by a reflection from Humphrey Kalanje.

6. Approval of the Church Accounts from the fiscal year 2021

Tilinpäättöksen hyväksyminen vuodelta 2021. Hyväksyttiin.

Postponed

7. Discharging the Council from the liability for the Chaplaincy Accounts from the period 1.1.2020-31.12.2020

Vastuuvapauden myöntäminen kirkkoneuvostolle tilikaudelta 1.1.2020-31.12.2020. Myönnettiin.

Postponed

8. Confirmation of Electoral Roll

Äänestysluettelon vahvistaminen. Vahvistettiin äänestysluettelossa olevan 49 henkilöä 29.8.2021.

It was noted that there are 49 names on the Electoral Roll as of 24th April 2022 (original date of the ACM)

9. Election of church officials

Virkailijoiden valinta. Kirkkoväärtilt ja rovastikuntasynodin edustajat ovat automaattisesti hallituksen jäseniä.

- Johnson Samuel was elected as Churchwarden
- Elina Glenday and Keith Thomas were elected to the Chaplaincy Council
- Aina Bexell was elected as a Deanery Synod representative

We have one vacancy for Church Warden and two council vacancies, an extra meeting will be scheduled for February 2023

A new permanent Safeguarding Officer is urgently needed.

The Chaplain thanked the outgoing council for their work in challenging times.

Arne was thanked for his outstanding commitment and service as Church Warden. He will be much missed.

10. The Budget for 2022 was noted

Vuoden 2022 budjetti merkittiin tiedoksi.

11. Draft Budget for 2023

Vuoden 2022 budjettiluonnos esiteltiin kokoukselle.

The draft budget was acknowledged.

12. Any other business

Muut esille tulevat asiat.

None.

13. Thanks & Closing prayer

Kiitokset ja päätösrukous

The meeting ended at 1.15pm with saying the Grace.

Pöytäkirjan vakuudeksi

Tuomas Mäkipää, kirkkoherra, puheenjohtaja