

Mothers' Union – Diocese of Oxford

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Annual General Meeting - 2020

**Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Charity, to
be held on Zoom on Thursday 8 October 2020**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of minutes of 2019 Annual General Meeting (see following)
3. Presentation of Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31 December 2019 – summary available.
4. Appointment of Independent Examiner. It is proposed to reappoint Noel & Co as independent examiner to the charity
5. AOB

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
SOCIETY HELD ON 10th OCTOBER 2019 AT BENSON
PARISH HALL**

**Present: 115 members, representing 30 branches and 15
Diocesan members, Eve Madeley-Wyatt – (minute
secretary)**

Trustees Present: Maureen Weston (Diocesan President), The Revd Lady Denise Brown (Diocesan Chaplain), Rachel Buckley (AVP North Bucks), Christine Beynon (AVP South Bucks), Jean Vaughan (AVP East Berkshire), Val Bolan (AVP West Berkshire), Tricia Campbell (AVP Oxfordshire, MUE Representative), Jenny Searle (Fundraising & Communications Co-Ordinator), Rosie Jackson-Kilham (Praying Fellowship)

In Attendance: Ursula Kopp (Regional Development Manager)

Apologies: Louise Butler, Geoff Ball, Mary Thorne, Barbara Eaton, Barbara Farrar, Rose Spicer, Maria Skoyles, Joan Jenks, Jean Lesley, Stella Ayiku

The meeting began at 10.35am as part of the Charity's Autumn meeting.

Minutes continued:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting (12th October 2018)
Proposed by Gloria Richards and Seconded by Gillian Johnson -
Accepted nem con.
2. Report and accounts for previous year. Rachel Buckley (AVP North Bucks), presented the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 2018 along with an extract from the Trustees Report which summarised MU Diocese of Oxford activities and a financial review. She drew the meeting's attention to the financial review and particularly noted the expenditure on AFIA holidays, suggesting that members consider the AFIA fund for their individual/branch donations. Subscription rates stay the same for 2020. The report was accepted nem con.
3. Appointment of Independent Examiner. It was proposed by Diana Hasting and seconded by Norma Clarke and agreed nem con that Noel & Co be re-appointed for a further year as Independent Examiners.

Rachel Buckley proposed to pass accounts – seconded by Jenny Searle, accepted nem con.

Any questions:

A question was asked about the percentage that the MUE stall gives back to the diocese. This is 10% of the income raised.

It was suggested that the MUE income should be listed as a separate item in the Annual Accounts.

AOB: There being no further business the meeting closed at 11am.

Financial Report for the year to date 2020

1. Subscription income for 2020:- Our net subscription income for 2020 received so far, including Diocesan and Prayer Fellowship members is £13,986, down 11%. This is after payment to MSH of £14.50 per member and represents subs from 1,056 members, which is down 7.5% on last year's membership. The rest of the reduction is because although MSH contribution went up by 50p the trustees decided to leave the total subscription unchanged, reducing our share by 50p per member. 515 members, approximately 49%, took up the option of paying by direct debit compared with 43% in the first year.

2. Donations to Central MU and Diocesan Funds;- We received an interim distribution from the estate of Olive Bunker of £9,000. With the emergency appeal from MSH for funds the trustees decided to pass £7,000 of this to MSH as well as £5,000 from our reserves and £2,430 from members' contributions, £14,430 in total. Other donations to MSH funds amounted to £3,799 so far in 2020.

3. Away From It All holidays:- We have received donations from branches to AFIA this year so far of £5,328. Although expenditure on AFIA activities has been delayed because of Covid 19 restrictions, £5,002 has been committed this year.

4. Expenditure:- with fewer meetings this year trustee and meeting expenses are well below normal levels but other expenses are in line with forecast.

5. Our overall Financial Position remains strong with our investment portfolio valued at just over £104,000 down from £113,972 at end of 2019