

Minutes of LDGCBR AGM on 24/4/19 held in the Bailgate Methodist Church at 11.00am.

Chris Turner, Guild Master, introduced the Precentor, welcomed her and thanked her for agreeing to Chair the meeting.

Welcome: The Precentor told us she was Chaplain to Bishop Christopher and had served for 5 years in the Diocese. She was well acquainted with churches in the Diocese, had heard the bells ringing, was grateful to the ringers and thanked us.

Apologies: were received from Richard Rogers, Pauline Rose and David Birkett.

Those attending: as written in the attendance book.

Obituaries: The Precentor read out the names of those members who had died since the last AGM. There followed a moment's silence and a prayer.

Minutes of previous AGM: These were agreed and then signed by the Precentor.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising.

Roll of Honour: Edward Vear qualified and all agreed.

NRLM: Chris read out the names of those transferring to NRLM and all agreed.

Treasurer's Report/Accounts: it was noted that there was an error in the Membership table with the total for the Central Branch being 137 not 132. The Treasurer noted that there were more members in the Report than had paid their subscription. The accounts as at 31st December 2018 were on pages 25,26 and 27 of the Annual Report 2018 with composite accounts being on page 29. The total funds were £10,161.05. Savings had earned £24.65 interest this year. The Treasurer thanked all Branches who had sent in their quotas before 31st March 2019 enabling Gift Aid to be claimed. She issued a plea for Membership Forms. It was proposed that the accounts be adopted. Proposer – Alan Bennett, seconder – Claire Holbrook. The accounts were adopted and the Treasurer was thanked by the Precentor. It was noted that the number of members had risen.

BRF Report/Accounts: The Report was on page 13 of the Annual

Report 2018. There were 112 affiliated towers. There was an increase of £25 in the M&G Charifund. The Proposer to adopt the accounts was Philip Green, the seconder was Judith Rogers.

Guild Report: Chris Turner spoke and thanked Sally-Anne Caunter who had to relinquish the post because of ill-health. All emails and copy should be sent to the new Report Editor. There was a printing error on page 3. The printers accepted responsibility for this and gave a 5% reduction and a printed erratum. Chris Turner decided to accept this.

Our best wished to Sally-Anne. Chris Turner hoped the Word Document could be brought up to date. Val Wild asked who proof read the Report and Chris Turner said he did. There were some humorous quips from the floor that the 2018 Annual Report may become valuable like postage stamps. Stephen Clarke remarked that some of his Report was missing from the previous year. Phil Ford proposed ratification of the Annual Report seconded by Janet Clarke. All agreed.

Election of Officers: It was proposed by Judith Rogers that Philip Green should become Report Editor, seconded by Chris Sharp. The Precentor thanked Philip.

Pending Elections: The 3year term of office ends in 2020 for the Master and Secretary with both willing to stay on for a further 3 years. Philip Green mentioned that the triennium for the CC Representatives also ended in 2020.

Welcome Booklet: The Guild committee had produced a new one and Chris Turner thanked Philip Green for printing it. There were 500 printed, one for each tower and they were now available.

100 CLUB Draw: No 73 – Julien from Stanford won £100, no. 47 – Sue Faull won £50, no. 107 – Jenny Kirkby won £25, no. 109 – Trevor Hardcastle won £10 and no.77 – Mike won £5. The Precentor thanked Alison.

Future Activities: Guild committee meeting on 18/5/19. The 10 bell practice at Edenham on 25/5/19. The Ridgman Trophy competition would be at Boston Stump in 2020. The Young Ringers were going to Liverpool and Grimsby and the Central Council. Meeting was in

London on 7th August. The 6 bell striking competition this year would be at Branston where it was first held. The Cup was given in memory of J Ashley Freeman, John's father, and John's daughter would judge the competition and the Plate at Potterhanworth. The 8 bell competition would be held at Kirton in Lindsey. The Eastern Branch barbecue was to be held on 29th June at Butterwick.

AOB: Les Townsend offered some memorabilia – a set of Minutes from the Northern Branch and the first Minute book of the Guild 1899-1948. As it is in a poor state Les will have it conserved and Les was thanked for this.

Philip Green had a new Dove's Guide for sale. Chris Sharp was running a handbell workshop in the Choir Vestry and the Blue Room 2-3pm. Please talk to Chris Sharp about it at lunch. Val Wild urged people to support the church in the Spalding area at their flower festivals.

Vote of thanks:

Chris Turner thanked Sally, the Precentor for Chairing the meeting all the Branch and Guild officers. He thought the Guild was on an upturn and the Ringing Remembers Campaign had been fantastic. He also thanked the staff of the Bailgate Methodist Church and Saint Giles. He thanked the Southern Branch, in advance, for providing the lunch. He then closed the meeting.