# Women of Action Minutes of Annual General Meeting 30th April 2022

**Opening Devotions** Led by Co-ordinator Mrs Sandra Fall focussing on Peter's journey from fisherman to disciple & preacher, and reminding us that he made mistakes & messed up, but he was forgiven & restored and ultimately set up the first church. We are all on a journey which will not be the same as Peter's but equally valid and Jesus wants to walk our journey with us too.

**<u>Present</u>** Muriel Stonehewer, Daphne Hodkinson, Pauline Downing, Anne-Marie Wilcock, Margaret Dennison, Beth Ely, Gloria Wallis, Jan Taylor, Sandra Fall, Ellie Minney.

<u>Apologies</u> Sue Hartshorn, Carol Parkinson, Natalie Johnson, Lindsey Hedley, Jan Shepherd, Julia Hodkinson, Cynthia Nuttall.

**Obituary List** We stood to remember Mrs. Anne Downing.

**The Minutes** Of the last meeting held 24th April 2021 were taken as read, accepted and signed.

<u>Matters Arising</u> Are all on today's agenda for discussion

**Correspondence** All included within the agenda items

#### **Letter Writers**

Daphne Hodkinson - Julie Forrest nee Downing

Pauline Downing - Carol Parkinson

Beth Ely - Judy Land & Julia Hodson

Muriel Stonehewer - Cynthia Nuttall

## **Reports**

**Treasurer** Daphne Hodkinson gave the report.

Balance at present time £885

But 2022 Conference fees will reduce this figure. We have a number of pens from the "See How They Grow" events which we agreed to sell at Conference for £1 each.

Magazine Secretary's Report Ellie Minney reported that everything is working well.

**World Day of Prayer** Sandra read emails, a letter and a telephone message she'd received from both WDP committee & WRU people in support to the WA's decision to withdraw from WDP with regard to the service produced by England, Wales and Northern Ireland for March 2022. After discussion and a vote, it was decided to defer any decision on renewing our representation on WDP committee for a year, we will pray about this and also seek guidance from the Union.

## **Election of Officers**

Co-Ordinator/Secretary Sandra Fall

Treasurer Daphne Hodkinson

Minute Secretary Ellie Minney
Magazine Secretary Ellie Minney

Representative WDP On hold until AGM 2023

Reps to General Committee Sandra Fall & Anne-Marie Wilcock

### **Review and way forward**

COVID disrupted the planned in-person "See how they grow" events at Greenhead and Heath End 2020.

The "He Restores My Soul" event at Dodworth in March went ahead and was very well received. Another is planned for Hall End 24th September 2022. There was a discussion about future events and the possibility of others leading them but it was agreed that for now Sandra Fall should continue to lead the teaching.

We discussed trying to spread our events further a field if possible. We agreed to plan 3 further events of 'He Restores My Soul' in 2023, 18th or 25th March at Ashington, 10th June at Greenhead, & 16th or 23rd September at Syresham. Sandra will contact the churches to make enquiries and put

plans in place, and we are all to be proactive in giving personal invitations to ladies to encourage them to attend the events in their area.

We were encouraged to continue to connect with the churches we were allocated during lockdown "we need to sow more seeds to get more response".

We recognise the importance and need for us to continue to meet to pray together through out the year. Zoom prayer meetings are planned for 7pm on 11 July and 8th September, (Anne-Marie will enquire if we can use HQ's Zoom licence for these) and in-person prayer meetings planned for (10am coffee) 10:30am on 22nd October at Griffydam & 25th February 2023 at Stoney Middleton.

#### Date and place of next AGM

The next AGM will be at Coal Aston on Saturday 22nd April 2023.

## **Any Other Business**

Sandra read an email from Susannah Youdan who suggested the WA have a 24 hour prayer event. Having set dates for us to meet/Zoom for prayer Sandra will let Susannah know these dates. It was agreed to give Sandra a gift with our love & thanks for her continued enthusiastic & inspirational guidance.

Daphne closed the meeting in prayer, including prayers for Sandra and Ian's upcoming move to Bedworth.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm and the Co-ordinator thanked every one for their input.