

**FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES MEETING,
CROSS STREET CHAPEL, MANCHESTER
15th JUNE 2017**

A meeting of the Finance and General Planning Committee was held at Cross Street Chapel, Manchester. It was opened by our President, Rev Celia Cartwright, who read from 'Rejoice' by Helen Picket. Celia also read out words regarding the terrible terrorist incident in Manchester from IALRW President Dr Komar Oniah. We reflected on recent national disasters and decided to recommend a donation to the Red Cross at the next Central Committee meeting to be held at Luther King House from 17th to 19th October.

Celia said how much she appreciated the flower card sent by Barbara Clifford on behalf of the Women's League in memory of her Mother. Barbara, who has taken over from Sheena Bluer as Memorial Treasurer, sent an update to the meeting. Appreciation and thanks were expressed regarding the League Annual 2017 which has been produced by Ann Harrison. We agreed, as Ann suggests, that we place an advert in the League Letter for an Editor for 2018. This will be confirmed by the Central Committee.

Susan Holt, Treasurer, updated the committee on finances and said that she had badges for sale at £2.00 each. These badges, designed by Judy Hague, are well liked. Susan Wildman, Secretary, said that she had endeavoured to send out Agendas by e-mail to save postage and that additions to the website are ongoing. She had received a card of thanks from Hanna Sturman on behalf of NDCS for our generous support. Susan gave out publicity for the 2017/18 Project, Prostate Cancer UK and Eunice Smith said that she had received over £1,000 so far.

The committee agreed that Rev Penny Johnson be proposed as a three-year elected member at the next Central Committee meeting in October. This meeting will be extended to allow for discussion on Thursday morning as to allow discussion on how the WL would like to proceed in certain areas such as the AGM. We can also consider fundraising for the Project.

Mary Wightman gave out the programme for the Triennial at Luther King House in October which will include visit to Mrs. Gaskell's house. She would also like us to think whether we would like to return to Whalley Abbey for the Rally in 2018. She will make enquiries. Eunice Smith reported that she had heard from Peter Godfrey saying that both he and Sheila

had both been ill. She had written back and sent, after consultation, a card from all of us.

We were sorry to hear that both Joyce Thompson and Joy Foster were unable to come to the meeting due to an accident and illness and that the Oxford branch had closed. Treasurers were reminded to send outstanding League Letter payments to Mary Wightman. Copies of the League Annual are £1.50 and payment should be sent to Susan Holt.

The next F&GP meeting will be on 14th June 2018 at Cross Street Chapel. Celia closed the meeting. Teas and coffees were provided by Ian Myerscough - Chapel Keeper, who is retiring. We wish him well.

Susan Wildman - Secretary

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This has now been completed and posted out.

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