

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD CITY BRANCH

Half-Year Meeting - 10th May 2008

St. James, Cowley.

There were 18 members present who were pleased to welcome the Guild Master Jon Chamberlain.

1. Apologies for absence:

Chairman Canon Anthony Ellis, Hon. Gen. Sec. Hilarie Rogers, Sheila Browne, Jonathan Cresshull, Basil Townsend, Leslie Smith, Peter Lloyd, Jan Lawrie, Andy Dunn.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at St. Andrew's, Headington, 17th November 2007.

The minutes had been circulated and were taken as read and accepted.

Proposed by: N.D. Lane and Seconded by T. P. Franklin.

The minutes of the **Extraordinary General Meeting** held at Great Milton were read and accepted.

'The Branch accounts for the full year 2007 were presented by the Secretary in the absence of the Treasurer. The notes appended were explained and after a brief discussion the accounts were accepted unanimously.'

Proposed by: A. Hughes and Seconded by N.D. Lane.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

5. Election of New Members

Mary Carroll	Iffley	Proposed by Susan King Seconded by Simon Edwards
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Steven Peer	Wheatley	Proposed by Peter Bayliss
Jackie Grant	Wheatley	Seconded by Simon Edwards

David Coombs	Wheatley	
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Celia Pagel	Wheatley	
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Geoff Smith	Wheatley	
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Tracy Menzel	Wheatley	
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The proposers were asked to collect subscriptions of £6.50 from each of the members that they had put forward for election.

6. Presentation of Certificates

The Guild Master presented the membership certificate to Christian Burrell, Iffley. He also presented a First Quarter Peal certificate to Carole Beckley and Branch Striking Competition certificates for 2007 to

1st St. Aldate's

2nd St. Mary, Kidlington

3rd St. Nicholas, Marston

7. Reports from Officers

The Secretary explained that there is a generic email address for Branch officers. Members can reach the Branch Secretary using the familiar email or the one below.

secretary [at] city [dot] odg [dot] org [dot] uk

The Ringing Master briefly reported on successful outings and practices to date this year. He bemoaned the fact that there was so much to be accomplished and so few available dates in the year.

8. Reports on Fund Raising Efforts

The Fund Raising Officer reported fully. During 2007 £46.52 was raised for the Bell Fund through selling items donated by Branch members at Car Boot Sales. Since March 2008 £4.25 has been achieved. Many more items would be welcomed, especially books, toys, trains, records, videos.

More ideas for Fund Raising would be most welcome and thanks were given to those people who had donated.

It was suggested that the Branch website manager should make a presentation at the AGM, regarding recordings of our bells.

Action: Andy Dunn

10. Approval of Candidates for Educational Courses

It was agreed that funding would be available for courses. Any prospective student, requiring a contribution from the Branch for an educational course, should contact the Secretary.

11. Any Other Business

The Secretary told the meeting that the City Branch is the only Branch in the ODG that does not contribute to the Guild Bell Fund. It has been the tradition in this Branch that donations are made to the Guild Restoration Fund.

After some discussion it was agreed that our donation policy should be an agenda item at the AGM in November and that in the interim the Treasurer should gather information about the two funds, from the Guild Treasurer, and present the details to the members at the AGM.

Action: Simon Edwards

Deputy Chairman Roy Jones thanked Katie and David Lane for organising the teas.

Diary dates: AGM, Iffley, 15th November 2008

Extraordinary General Meeting for accepting the 2008 account, 14
February

Half-Yearly Meeting to be held at Marston