

Leeds Anglican Cursillo

Minutes for the Sixth Annual General Meeting, 21st September 2019.



MINUTES of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Leeds Anglican Cursillo [also known as West Yorkshire and the Dales] held on Saturday 21st September 2019 at St Mary's Church, Kippax, LS25 7AG following a Faith Lunch.

There were 20 members present and we had received apologies from 25 members. Also present were Sue Orr from Sheffield who represents the Yorkshire area and Trevor King the BACC President.

The meeting opened with prayers led by the Reverend Stuart Kilpatrick [Spiritual Director in the Huddersfield Episcopal Area]

The minutes having been circulated were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

John Speller welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to Sue Orr and Trevor King.

Trevor King - BACC President said he was delighted to be invited to the meeting; each Cursillo has representatives on BACC, and he said the majority of Cursillos face the same struggles as Leeds do, the problem here though is the size of the Diocese. BACC have made a film which has been circulated to help and encourage everyone with their work. He left us with the thought - What can we be challenged to do for Leeds Cursillo?

Sue Orr - informed us that they were hoping to have a "Happening" in the future Sheffield Cursillo to take the lead and pioneer it by visiting the Blackburn Happening. Sue will let us know when the next Happening would be. Happening Weekends are geared to young people.

John Speller thanked the Secretariat for continuing to meet during the year.

Canon Tony and his wife Lynne had left to go to Northumberland and he wished them well.

Mandy Rhodes [Spiritual Director - Leeds Episcopal Area] has had to resign.

He reported that we had had Ultreyas in most areas, and that he had enjoyed the Epiphany one in Wakefield Cathedral where we had been joined by 20-30 Iranians.

This year we have held one weekend and we have two booked for next year [2020] and it would be lovely if we could encourage some younger people to join us.

Leeds Diocese as we know is a large area, we used to have 3 Diocesan Cursillos and each one was very successful. It would be good if each Ecclesiastical Area could have their own Servant Community comprised of a Spiritual Director, and 2 representatives who would serve on the Secretariat. He felt that if we didn't do something like that we would fizzle out. Think about it, the Secretariat are there to encourage everyone.

When we are planning a weekend, we try to have someone on the staff from each Episcopal area. The staff from weekends should be able to suggest people for future weekends. It would be good if the staff for the next weekend could go to the Clasaura. John encouraged us

all to go to the Clasauro at the end of a weekend.

One of the problems is that Wyedale is far away from the Leeds area.

Scotland Cursillo are experimenting with a 2-day weekend - this may be something we could look at.

Phil Wright presented the Financial Report. As we are only a small charity we do not need an Independent Examiner.

John Speller thanked everyone for coming and thanked the people from Kippax who had served the lunch.

The meeting concluded with a Eucharist in Church