



Present on Zoom were: Sian Miller, Janet Fletcher, Anna Cory, Sue Huyton, Mary Stallard, Peggy Jackson and Mary Evans.

Apologies received from Hannah Burch, Janet Day and Ruth James.

The minutes of last year's AGM (13 Nov 21) were approved.

Reports were received from the clerical and lay chairs.

The Trustees' report and accounts, prepared by Anna were received and accepted.

Trustees for the year ahead were confirmed to be: Janet Fletcher, Sian Miller, Janet Day, Ruth James, Hannah Burch, Anna Cory, Mary Stallard, Mary Evans, Gill Todd and Sue Huyton.

Anna Cory will continue as Treasurer.

Mary Evans will continue as Secretary.

Janet Fletcher will continue as Clerical Chair, and Sian Miller as Lay Chair.

Further discussions:

Determining MAECymru's role in the Church in Wales remains an ongoing process. Are we clear on what we offer, and what we're trying to communicate?

We do want to equip and support women in ministry, especially in areas where there is challenge with colleagues who don't recognise their priesthood. There is some evidence that women are often supported through their discernment, ordination and early curacy, but feel adrift after that, especially if they find themselves bullied or harrassed.

There is a need to 'capture' stories, and to find good ways to do this, whether through polls or questionnaires to our membership. We need to be trusted to share personal stories with. We may not always be in a position to offer direct support but we need the resources to signpost to the proper help.

At the same time we recognise that we are emerging from a difficult time both collectively as MAECymru, in our churches and communities, and in ourselves. There is a need to be gentle with ourselves.

The gathering of statistics remains an important part of our work: we want to keep a 'watching eye' open on the data around women's ministry. Keeping these up to date, and using them to inform questions is one of our objectives. We observe that as Ministry Areas increase across Wales this is tending to reduce the number of senior posts, and therefore the opportunities for women to assume senior roles. Gill Todd is happy to continue her work here.

The Spring Conference will be 20 May at Plas Dolerw, and Sarah Jones will be asked to speak.

Next Trustees' meeting: 23 January 2023.

The meeting closed with a prayer led by Janet Fletcher.