

Financial and General Purposes Sub Committee Meeting Report for November General Meeting

The Finance and General Purposes has met twice, in June and September since the March General meeting. It was agreed in November to revert back to meeting twice a year in January and September.

Topics covered at the meetings have ranged from GDPR, confirming the policy is on the website and guidance has been given to branches, to lack of a Public Relations Officer, agreeing more work is needed to develop the idea of having a more committee approach to the role and agreeing to upgrade the existing website server to improve service.

Safeguarding is reviewed at all meetings. Katie Lane attended the Diocesan Safeguarding meeting prior to the June meeting. In November information from the Central Council Safeguarding seminar was discussed.

Financial issues have covered a number of issues including a review of the 20/21 draft budget.

Both meetings have discussed funding for the youth bands. It was agreed in June the ODG youth team and the Bucks and Berks team would be allocated £500 towards the costs of attending the Ringing World National Youth Competition in Liverpool. In November the requirement for a policy on what support the ODG will give to the youth bands led to a wide ranging debate. The following principles and proposal were minuted.

- The team needs to know what support they will be able to get to assist their planning
- Bucks and Berks team will have their entry fee paid for
- There is only one ODG team which will be 'fully' supported
- Squad of 10 (8 ringers plus 2 reserves) plus 2 adults
- Budget to cover, transport as economically provided as possible, overnight accommodation when location requires it e.g. York and team shirts
- It is reasonable to expect a contribution from parents
- Only Guild members will be supported

There have been no Health and Safety issues raised at the meetings.

The 2020 dates for events has been drafted including the Friday VE ringing day proposal. The 2020 8 bell striking competition will be on the same day as the Guild AGM. A suggestion the six bell striking competition should be on the same day as the AGM received little support from the branches so will not be progressed.

Tony Crabtree has produced a comprehensive report on the membership across the Guild. A key aspect of this report is to be able to provide expertise from one part of the Guild to another where it is needed.

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