

Hartshill Mother's Union AGM - Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 2.00pm

1. Opening Prayers led by Sheila
2. Attendees – Sue Foster, Lynda Kelly, Sally Young, Jan Blamire-Brown, Rachel Burgess, Sheila Hinds
3. Apologies – Wendy Albrighton, Heather Greaves.
4. Appointment of Secretary – Sue proposed and Sally seconded that Sheila act as Secretary. Vote: 5 in favour, 1 abstention.
5. Minutes of last AGM – After amendment of the minutes it was proposed by Sally and seconded by Lynda that the minutes be accepted. Vote: 5 in favour, 1 abstention.
6. Matters Arising
 - 4.7 – Sue confirmed that Sue Parr had purchased gifts for Beryl and Rita and these had been well received.
 - 1.3 – review of meeting times – on reflection it was felt that the majority of members preferred the afternoon meetings but that we would review it again next year.
7. Finance – Sue issued a copy of the end of year accounts showing a balance of £94.92. After discussion Rachel proposed and Lynda seconded that the accounts be accepted. Vote: All in favour. Sheila felt that the increase for the contribution for monthly meetings had been too much last year and that it should have stayed at £1.00 for members. Sally suggested that visitors could pay £2.00 per meeting in view of the fact that members paid an annual membership fee. It was felt that further discussions should take place when the Treasurer was present. Sue also said that discussions about Finance were taking place at Diocesan level soon and that she would report back to members at a later date.
8. **Completion of program for 2023**
 - Sue spoke about various Deanery events – see Hartshill MU website - coming up in the future including the Deanery prayers on 19th April which will be held at Hartshill. Wendy O'Brien will lead the prayers.
 - The MU Advent Service will be the first Monday in Advent. – further details tba
 - **Mother's Day Service Posies - 33**
 1. It was agreed that posies should be made up as usual plus a sale of cakes during refreshments in aid of "Make a Mother's Day".
 2. Sue will notify Nick BB of the details to include in the notices for 5th & 12th March. Sue will also book the Conservatory so that we can make the posies up.
 3. Sue agreed to get 100 daffodils; Lynda will prepare the foil; Sheila will bring elastic bands and kitchen paper.
 4. Everyone to bring greenery, if able to do so.
 5. Cakes also required, please.
 - **2023 Program** - Sue had issued a copy of the program to date electronically with a list of speakers asking for suggestions. Hard copy was issued at the meeting and discussions took place about possible speakers.
 1. Wednesday 15th March - Sally will ask Stacy if she is available to speak about her Faith journey.
 2. Wednesday 17th May – Sheila will approach Mary Ann Evans Hospice to see if they can give a talk about the work they do and also consideration of whether MU members could make items for their Fundraising Events?
 3. Wednesday 17th June – possibly Heather could arrange for Jamie Richards from the Women's Refuge in Coventry this day?

4. Wednesday 19th July – Afternoon Tea in the Conservatory
5. September 20th / October 18th / November 15th – these dates could be available for a visit to Coventry Cathedral (Sally) / a talk from the Leprosy Mission / (Lynda) / making the Christmas Wreath. Wendy had also suggested book folding.
6. December 13th – Christmas party.
7. **Action Point** - Members to update Sue when any arrangements are confirmed so she can update the program.

8. President's Challenge

1. Sue said that between £50.00 and £250 was available from the Diocese to do something on a branch basis.
2. Sheila suggested that we could make packs up for new Mum's like we did for Hospital patients. The Health Visitors worked out of the Community Centre and could be an outlet. Sally suggested a possible outlet would be via Trinity Tots.
3. A "Hug in a Mug" idea was suggested. – Mug – Hot Chocolate sachet plus mini Marshmallows. The Mug could have MU logo on?
4. A "Christian" children's book to Christening Families – about 10 in 2022 at Hartshill Church.
5. Further discussions can take place at future meetings.

9. Correspondence – all correspondence received had been issued timeously via email.

10. AOB - none

11. Chairperson's Remarks – Everyone agreed with Sue that we had had an enjoyable year and were looking forward to the coming year. Sue asked members to give thought to activities for MU and the President's Challenge.