



League of Friends
St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth

Minutes of AGM held via Zoom on 29-04-2021 at 1605

Present:

David Frost (Chairman)
Gillian Linington (Trustee)
Paddy Ring (Trustee)
Charles Burns (Trustee)
Jonathan Kemp (Trustee & Treasurer)
Roger Batterbury (Trustee)
Helen Swann
Margaret Race

Apologies:

June Shepherd
Pam Harris

Chairman's Report

DF thanked everyone for attending and reviewed the past year in which little normal activity took place. We have only given minor funds during the year but now that NHS staff are under less pressure, we can expect significantly more demand. Our investments have recovered during the year and our comparative total funds are as follows:

May 2019	£1,101,580
May 2020	£1,092,655
May 2021 predicted	£1,193,300

Funding projects currently under scrutiny:

Food Pantry, providing food to needy families. Currently waiting for a specific application, but we have indicated that we will probably fund food for the year at a cost of approximately £8,600. Waiting for a specific figure.

Hope into Action, we are considering an investment to help finance houses for people in great need in Portsmouth. The investment would yield 2% and any capital increase in value of the property/properties on a pro rata basis.

We will fund the purchase of boxed pens to give to all the staff at St Mary's thanking them for their outstanding work during the Pandemic. Kim Barnes is currently talking to department heads to get the numbers required.

We have agreed in principal to supply pens to reward special achievements in Amanda Quine's team, to provide comforts possibly coffee machines in the nurses rest rooms. AQ 's team are putting together requests for significant medical equipment, which could reach £65,000 in aggregate. We are sending application forms and may propose that we share the cost with QA charities. We may adopt the mechanism of only paying part and leaving them to chase the other groups.

The Chaplain, Emma De'ath has spoken to us and is reviewing areas in which we may be able to help.

What is next

The Trust are likely to allow us to return to the Hospital from 21 June. It is possible that we will not be able to meet that date. A Trustees Meeting and a Committee meeting will be held on 20 May to discuss the specifics of reopening first the main shop, followed by Meet and Greet.

We may be short of volunteers and specific roles must be filled:

Treasurer
Clerical Support
Purchasing

Complaint

We have received a complaint addressed to Solent Trust from a lady who was once a Trustee. We had difficulty in understanding the nature of our failure to follow strict procedures and invited her to meet us to discuss the matter and improve if we needed to in any area. She rejected that approach and has taken the matter to the Charity Commission.

Elections

There was a unanimous vote to confirm the election of co-opted trustees, Charles Burns, Jonathan Kemp and Roger Batterbury.

DF was not standing for re-election as Chairman. By unanimous vote Jonathan Kemp was elected to fill the role.

JK proposed a vote of thanks to Df and PR for all they had done for the League.

The first meeting of the new board will be held on 20 May at SMH