

The Vincent Society (Trading as CMJ UK)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
at 12.30pm on Saturday 8th July 2023

There were over 50 members present: the meeting was declared quorate.

- 1 Opening prayer and welcome:** Wendy Scott (Chairman of Trustees) welcomed everyone to the AGM.
- 2 Apologies:** None
- 3 Minutes of the Vincent Society AGM held on 8th July 2022:**
Proposed by Phil Harris that these minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Seconded by Rufus Barnes. Members voted to accept.
- 4 Matters Arising from the minutes:** None
- 5 Chairman's remarks and Trustees Report:**
Wendy presented to the AGM the Trustees Report for 2022, including the annual accounts. This is available for all to access via the CMJ UK website.
Chairman's remarks:
 - The Trustees are thankful for the generosity of its members who give sacrificially year on year. The ministry can only be sustained through the commitment of its members and the Lord's blessing on the work.
 - Development and growth of the Society through strong and strategic succession planning, and prayer is also vital. We strive to hear from the Lord how and when to move forward with a range of projects and targets.
 - Wendy is deeply grateful to the Development Group, specifically thanking the members of that group (Liz Woods, Tim Butlin and Phil Harris) who have given their time and energies to navigating through a busy and agenda-packed year. Thanks were also due to Rufus as Vice Chair for his experience and invaluable knowledge, and all Trustees for their time and commitment to the tasks in hand.
 - One new Board member joined last year – Adam Raffell. Joy Sims stepped down as a co-optee, however, we welcomed Sammy Salter and Phill Grasham to that role.
 - Staff changes have been significant this past year:
 - Alex Jacob was seconded for 25% of his time to Israel in 2022. However, this arrangement was brought to a close in 2023, owing to other projects taking precedence.
 - Paul and Janey Hames retired last month (June), and we thank them for their many years of commitment to the Bible Comes to Life Exhibition, Spring Fair and Deputations, faithfully serving CMJ for so many years.
 - This year has also seen the departure of Alex Jacobs. We are extremely grateful for his 16 years of service, first as Director of Advocacy and later, CEO.
 - As part of our succession planning strategy, a new post of General Director has been created, and shortlisting has taken place. Your prayers are coveted for the interview panel and the interviewees, as we seek to appoint a new leader for the ministry.

- The fight against antisemitism continues and we seek to support, defend and advocate for the Jewish community here in the UK in a variety of ways in an increasingly anti-Jewish, anti-Israel, secular world.
- We have a history to celebrate, and we continue to do that, however, we cannot rest on past gains – we must push forward with our ‘future to declare.’ Your on-going prayers are appreciated for our development and growth.

6 Financial Summary of 2022 Annual Accounts: These are available on the CMJ UK website. John Brooks (Deputy Chief Officer) shared a PowerPoint summary, with the following highlights:

- The income stream is down from last year.
- There is a loss in the pension funds.
- Quarter of a million deficit
- The expenditure – we continue to give one third to Israel.
- We supported the International Role
- We do have reserves but once it has gone, it’s gone!
- God meets our challenges.
- Thank you for your prayers.
- As a reminder, please claim gift aid if you do not already.
- We are thankful to Lisa and Shoshanah for keeping things in order.
- Finally, we will get an impression of how active CMJ UK are in the UK update tomorrow.
- Questions were invited – From Neville Jones – Are 50% of reserves not to be spent? John answered that CMJ UK follow the Charity Commission's advice and this income is an investment.
- Questions were invited – From Ray Lockhart – Does the reserves include pension money? John replies stating: No, pension reserves is separate and we have three persons still claiming this benefit. Personal pensions do not require a reserve.

Proposed by Rufus Barnes that these accounts be approved by the meeting.
Seconded by Mark Madeley. Members voted to accept.

7 Appointment of Independent Examiners/Auditors for 2023:

Bostock White were re-appointed as independent examiners. Proposed by Phil Harris, seconded by Alison Davies. Members voted to accept.

8 Election of Trustees to the Board: There were 6 vacancies and 4 nominations have been passed to the Board of Trustees. Rosa Blandford is stepping down full time. Grateful thanks were expressed for all her work with the Deputation tours and as a trustee. We are sad to lose Tim Butlin, who is also stepping down, however he will retain a consultancy role with the Society. The Trustees re-standing were Phil Harris and Alison Davies. Sammy Salter and Phil Grasham will begin their 3 year term on the board of Trustees, from this year.

9 Any Other Business: None

Wendy Scott declared the 2023 CMJ UK AGM closed.

The meeting closed at 12:59pm