

Women of Action
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
22nd April 2023

Opening Devotions Led by Daphne Hodkinson. Exodus 24:29 Moses spent time in the presence of God, and his face reflected God's glory. What Moses beheld, he became. We are a reflector of what ever we do and who we spend time with. Do we reflect God to others and can they see God who lives in us?

Present Elaine Tuckett, Daphne Hodkinson, Pauline Downing, Anne-Marie Wilcock, Beth Ely, Sandra Fall, Ellie Minney, Julia Hodgson, Carol Parkinson, Sue Hartshorn, Cynthia Nuttall.

Apologies Margaret Dennison, Natalie Johnson, Jan Shepherd, Muriel Stonehewer.

Obituary List We stood to remember Gloria Wallis and give thanks to God for Gloria's faithful witness & service throughout her life.

The Minutes Of the last meeting held 30th April 2022. Proposed Daphne Hodkinson, 2nd Anne-Marie Wilcock, agreed & signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising None

Correspondence Email received from Dave Tuckett of Local Preachers Fellowship, asking if we had any suggestions of speakers that could be considered for the LPF day of ministry, following comments made at WRU General Meeting in February 2023. It was suggested that perhaps Jo Siddall could be put forward as a future speaker. She is a soul midwife dealing with bereavement.

Letter Writers

Daphne Hodkinson - Claire Brown
Pauline Downing - Alina Taylor
Beth Ely - Jean Yates
Ellie Minney - Judy Land
Anne-Marie Wilcock - Amy Slater

Reports

Treasurer Daphne Hodkinson gave the report.

Balance at present time £898

The funds are now held centrally by George Phillips, Union Treasurer.

There are 42 'He restores my soul' pens left, it was decided not to purchase any more.

The meeting agreed to give a £50 love-gift to Sandra as a token of our love & thanks for all she does for WA.

Magazine Secretary's Report Ellie Minney reported that she'd had a disappointing few months', trying to get ladies to write an article for Contact, a combination of illness, lack-of-time, and lack of communication. Daphne reported that an article about the Addingham "He Restores My Soul" event had been received and will be included in the next issue. Sandra will do an article about the year she's had since moving from Rushden to Bedworth, Ellie to ask Sue Partridge-Underwood to write about her experience of being invited to attend the coronation of King Charles 111. Other names were suggested too.

World Day of Prayer There was a discussion about whether the WA should rejoin this committee. Some of the points made were: This year's service was very good and well attended in the Barnsley area. It was difficult to find a WDP service to attend in some areas. Services are written so far in advance of the actual service that situations could change dramatically. It is a bit out of date as information about any country is easily accessible now. The decision we took was the right one. It was a retrograde step to take 'Women' out of the title.

After discussion the meeting voted unanimously not to rejoin WDP. It was requested that we keep the item on our AGM agenda to be reviewed annually - agreed.

Election of Officers

Co-Ordinator/Secretary

Sandra Fall

Treasurer
Minute Secretary
Magazine Secretary
Representative for WA

Daphne Hodkinson (Union Treasurer George Phillips)
Ellie Minney
Ellie Minney
Anne-Marie Wilcock

Review and way forward

Events : "He Restores My Soul" at Hall End, & Addingham were both well attended amazing times together. They were enjoyed by all the ladies who attended and God definitely touched hearts on those mornings.

Prayer: It was noted that the February in person prayer morning at Griffydam had been well attended but unfortunately the October one at Stoney Middleton had not. Zoom had been well supported each time and all the prayer times had been very encouraging in different ways. Further prayer meetings on Zoom: **Monday 18th September 6.30pm, Monday 20th November 6.30pm and Monday 15th January 2024 6.30pm**
In-person **Saturday 16th March 2024 10.30am at Griffydam.**

Future: Following our morning of prayer there was a discussion about the way forward for the coming year. It was agreed that 'He restores my soul' should come to an end having done 2 years. It was agreed that there is still a need for the WA and it is still worthwhile travelling the country to deliver the same teaching in different areas. There was a discussion about a new theme but no decision made so everyone was asked to be in prayer about this and we will meet on Zoom on Monday 22nd May at 6:30 to make a final decision. We also discussed that perhaps we could try and do it breakfast style, a simple continental breakfast followed by the teaching and response time. Possible venues and dates for 2024: March at Dorrington, June at Stoney Middleton, September at Bozeat.

Following discussion about the WA web page in the morning, it was agreed to ask Jo Siddall if she would be prepared to write 'A thought for the day' monthly to go on the WA web page.

Date and place of next AGM

The next AGM will be at Hampden View on Saturday 27th April 2024.

Any Other Business

Beth Ely asked for prayer for herself and a family she is temporarily sharing her home with. Thanks were expressed to Anne-Marie and Elaine for hosting and providing lunch. Sandra Fall closed the meeting in prayer.