

Gospel4Grampian

*(John Ch10 vs10 – Jesus came that we might live life to the full –
our mantra should be “Living life to the full”)*

Members AGM – 19th February 2014

Present:

Ann Brown, Mr & Mrs Rowe, Tom Morrow, Rob Rowe, Jim Buchan

Apologies

Alan Gorvett, Rachael Summers

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer
2. Combined Chairman/Secretary Report
3. Treasurer Report
4. Directors Report
5. AOB
6. Refreshments

Proceedings

1 Opening Prayer

Jim Buchan opened the meeting with a short prayer

2 Combined Chairman/Secretary Report – Jim Buchan

1. Welcome to those who came tonight – would be good to see more members attending but perhaps people see a meeting like this as one where they might get pressured to have a more active involvement in the project.
2. Thanks to the BOT members who meet regularly – but most of all I want to thank Rob and the various volunteers for all their hard work.
3. We are here because we believe that Gospel4Grampian continues to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and also to bring encouragement through music, bible readings and the broadcast of services, sermons and other materials.
4. Station has continued to develop despite funding challenges
 - a. Upgrade of the Myriad software
 - b. Additional Rent burden for the Office Accommodation
 - c. Cost of licenses
5. The investment of moving to a monthly fee for Myriad software support has guaranteed access to the latest version of the software and also provides access to technical support as and when needed. This represents good value for money in my opinion. We are now using a much cheaper streaming service which does save on monthly outgoings.

6. We are now expected to pay rent monthly – we have been very fortunate not to have to pay rent in the past and also energy bills. But things have moved on it seems. We are paying £150 per month which seems reasonable – but if we can find a cheaper acceptable opportunity we should consider that. We don't have to pay for staff and we rely 100% on Rob's dedication to the station's work.
7. As the station has become more successful – testified to by the listener figures – we have to pay larger fees. We cannot control this we just have to pay!
8. Perhaps this is the year where we need to try to increase our funding by adding new sources and encouraging more people/churches to become members/affiliates.
9. Should we consider introducing new funding channels – e.g. Advertising, run a podcast or blog service for Churches/preachers to use, how else can we generate funding. This point gave rise to some discussion by those present and it was generally agreed that we should encourage more giving and consider additional ways to generate income – perhaps by providing some services that churches could subscribe to.
10. Volunteers – people who record bible readings and also the Saturday Sermons (new initiative) – we have a new volunteer – Evelyn Watt from Kemnay who has a long term illness and wanted to find some volunteering work that she could do. She is now recording the Rev John Buchan Saturday sermons. Alison and Jim Hunter are continuing to be involved and are about to record some Psalms at Rob's request.
11. We have had some donations which are most welcome – we appreciate financial support as and when it is available. In the last month Kemnay Parish Church youth group completed a sponsor event and raised £300 (with gift aid to be added) Alan Gorrivett sold some photos of John Renton's retirement evening and raised £25. The Loaves & Fishes café fund made a donation of £450. The donation will help to pay the rent and keep the station viable – but we need more income as I am sure Tom will detail in his report later. Jim Buchan will be doing the 5 X 50 challenge to raise money for G4G starting at the end of March.
12. We have tried to be more regular in communicating with our members but we need to do this better – we should aim to have 1 email newsletter per month and 3 printed newsletters per year. There was some discussion about this and it was agreed that we should aim to have a monthly newsletter or information sheet which can be printed and circulated to churches and other interested parties.
13. Listener Stats are encouraging – 4013 unique people are listening to the station but they listened 24099 times that means that on average they listen 6 times in the year – of course these are average numbers. These people listed for 99037 hours in the last 12 months – that is a lot of listener hours.
14. As I hand over to Tom and Rob I am sure that they will each add to some of the points I have made above.

Treasurer's Report – Tom Morrow

Tom presented the following account of the G4G finances for the year up to April 2013.

Item	2012	2013
Income	£	£
Members Donations	1430	1260
Other Donations	1633	1195
Profit on Calendars		
Gift Aid Received		
Total Income	3063	2455
Expenditure		
Telephone/broadband	617	729
Computer Upgrades	300	
Bank Charges	5	
New Office Costs	106	
Music License	141	
Broadcasting Licence	227	1783
Computer Technology	81	
Streaming Costs	569	
Office Insurance	127	
Music Costs	24	
Rent		360
Misc		206
Total Expenditure	2197	3078
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Surplus (Loss) for period		

Notes:

The income shown reflects the amounts paid into the charity's bank account from the time of registration with OSCR.

The expenditure is for items directly paid for by the charity, some expenditure has historically been paid by individuals involved with the station before the registration as a charity. Some of these has been refunded during the year.

Responsibility for the other running costs of the station will be assumed by the charity as and when funds become available.

Directors Report – Rob Rowe

1. It has been a good but hard year – we have reduced volunteers which makes things more difficult when there are technical problems to overcome. Problems with software instability have now been rectified with the new monthly support subscription with P-Squared in place.
2. It is now possible to broadcast from locations in the community where there is a broadband network service available.

3. A group came to use the station facilities to make a recording and then made a donation.
4. Various new program materials are now available and are being incorporated into broadcasts.
5. Fraserburgh Baptist Church asked Rob to come on a Sunday and take the services. This resulted in two substantial donations - £125 from the church and also £500 from an anonymous person.
6. Work is underway to classify program assets in the Myriad system – this will make it easier for the system to automatically build program playlists.
7. Some churches make their services available for broadcast. These included KCC, Kemnay Parish Church, Dingwall Free Church and Rob is looking for others to do the same.
8. Dr Stuart Chalmers is now uploading his program, Highest Praise, from Oban FM to the station and it is re-broadcast twice during the week.
9. Good News Broadcasting is also making program materials available for inclusion in G4G programs.
10. The G4G website has been revised and a much better “what’s on” pages added – Rob can now update these pages at will.
11. The website now includes real time information about what is being played by the live broadcast.
12. The broadcast information is also now being Tweeted and added as status updates on the G4G facebook page.

AOB – all general discussion

Mr Rowe asked if it would be possible to share the station costs with other organizations in Aberdeen?

Jim Buchan mentions that when churches make financial donations they are effectively sharing in the running costs – but we need to do more of this.

Tom mentioned again the need for a monthly Newsletter, Jim said a volunteer to do the newsletter would help here

It was agreed that we should endeavor to make this happen.

Jim Buchan declared that the meeting was ended.

Everyone enjoyed some refreshments – thanks to Rob for the coffee and also Ann Brown for the home bakes.