

Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting of The Emmanuel Society in The Harrods Room, Emmanuel College at 6pm on Friday 18th November 2022

1] Chairman's Welcome

The Chair, Mr Nicholas Allen, welcomed members to the meeting.

2] Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from the President, Mr Andrew Fane, a Vice-President, Mr David Lowen, the Scrutineer of Accounts, Ms Jane Richardson and from the MCR, Mr Lukas Pinn and Ms Corin Staves.

3] Minutes of the 33rd AGM held on 13th November 2021 were confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

4] Matters arising are covered in the agenda.

All pertinent documents are available online for the perusal of members.

5] Chairman's Review of the Year

From his written report, Mr Allen referred to the range of events offered by the Society over the last year, highlighting the varied lectures, meetings of those with interests entrepreneurial and literary and the Northern Event held this year in Leeds.

Mr Allen announced his intention to step down, with effect from the AGM in 2023, having served on the Committee for over 20 years, some ten as Secretary and the last ten as its Chair.

He thanked the Development Office and his colleagues on the Committee for the warmth of their support and their work over the years in the interests of the Society.

6] Events for 2022/3

The Secretary Mr Ken Sheringham, listed the events planned for the year ahead [details are available on the College website and in the Newsletter].

7] Finance Report and Approval of Accounts

The Treasurer, Mr Rodney Jagelman, presented the accounts, which had been circulated and are available on the College website.

Total losses had been £1,477, money having been spent on two Careers evenings, a subsidy for students attending the Harvard Dinner and £300 contribution to the Carol Service.

Two events had made a loss: The Northern Dinner [£200] and the Garden Party [£400] and the balance now stands at £32,330.

The Scrutineer, Ms Jane Richardson, had examined the accounts and found nothing to which she wished to draw to the meeting's attention.

Mr Jagelman thanked her and the Bursary Office for their help.

8] Constitution

The Meeting gave its approval for an amendment to the Constitution which would allow flexibility in how and where to hold the AGM in future, deleting the words 'at the College' from para 12.

Answering a question from the floor, the Chair agreed that it would be useful for the Committee also to review the paragraph 3, relating to eligibility for membership.

9] Committee

Mr Rakesh Patel's membership of the Committee was presented and endorsed by the meeting.

10] College Reports

10A] The Master

Referring to his written report, the Master, Mr Doug Chalmers spoke of his welcome by members of College, to their openness and willingness to engage.

He noted the effects and after-effects of Covid:

- upon staff - none laid off but competitively sought now by other employers;
- upon students - those coming from school with little experience of extra-curricular activities and those who found 'lock down' rather alienating. He was grateful to the skilful work of Ms Natasha Usselman and her JCR team in 'mending fences';[The MCR had coped more easily but as an 'island', now becoming more integrated];
- upon the Fellowship, enjoying, for example, being able once more, to come into the College to share a meal with those of other disciplines.

He spoke of tackling future challenges [by the encouragement of enterprise skills and making full use of alumni experience] and the need to integrate a new community, of post-doc students, where the new Emma Experience Director, Mr Daniel McKay, would be key. He mentioned the new Bursar joining us in February , Ms Catherine Webb, who, having read Economics here, comes back to the College from her post as Director of Operations at the Treasury.

Finally he paid tribute to the work of the retiring Bursar, Mr Mike Gross.

10B] The Development Director

Dr Sarah Bendall referred to the success of Emma Enables where £37 of the £38 million required by the building project had now been raised, thanks to some 1,700 contributors, to the Telephone Campaign and to preparations for the 8th July 2023 where all that had been achieved would be properly celebrated.

10C] JCR and MCR reports are published in full online.

11] AOB

The Chair thanked the Governing Body and made a small presentation to the Development Office as a token of appreciation.

The Master thanked Nick for his service as Chair, in making the Society open and welcoming.

The Chair declared the Meeting closed at 7pm.

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