

Brigade Council 5th September 2009 – Stillorgan Hotel, Dublin

The following notes have been prepared as a guide to the proceedings and decisions of Council.

The Revd Derek Sargent, Chaplain Republic of Ireland Region conducted the opening service.

The Brigade President, Professor Sir Kenneth Calman KCB, read messages of greeting that had been sent to the President of Ireland and to our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen on behalf of Council. Council then stood to receive the replies.

The Brigade Council procedure Rules were accepted.

Members of Council were welcomed to Dublin by Mr Arthur Vincent, Chair of the Organising Committee. The Brigade President replied and welcomed members and guests.

Members of the Brigade who had died in the past year were remembered.

Minutes of Council held in 2008 in Tulliallan, which had been circulated were proposed and seconded.

Mr Chris Row, Brigade Vice President presented the Annual Report for the session 2008/09. In drawing attention to the new constitutional arrangements Mr Row referred to the increased numbers of young people on Regional Committees and the Brigade Executive and the registering of Girls' Associations. He spoke of the stabilisation of the numerical strength of the Brigade and the increasing interest in our work amongst the churches. In highlighting the ongoing work of the development plan. Mr Row referenced the programme development and leadership training. Mrs Janice Dando, Brigade Vice President seconded the Annual Report and highlighted some of the special events, community activity and remarkable young people which have contributed to a remarkable year.

Mr John Williams, Brigade Treasurer presented the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009. Mr Williams highlighted several key matters including a deficit of £51,686 on the year after paying pension fund contributions of £95,760. Legacy income had been £22,000 in the general fund with an additional £100,000 legacy received restricted for development within Scotland. Mr Williams indicated that the Brigade was controlling costs. The Training Centres had shown a surplus of £14,000 and the surplus on supplies was £148,248. Mr Perry Donaldson, Brigade Vice President and member of the Finance Committee seconded the Accounts. Council accepted the accounts.

Whiting & Partners were reappointed as auditors of The Boys' Brigade and the Brigade Executive was authorised to fix their remuneration.

Mr Michael Elliott proposed and Mr David Richmond seconded the following Brigade Office Bearers for the 2009-10 Session which was approved by Council. President Sir Kenneth Calman KCB, Vice Presidents Mr C L Row, Mr N W Batty, Mr T W P Donaldson, Mrs J A Dando, Treasurer Mr C Bygrave.

Council agreed to fix the Capitation fees over 2009/10 as follows: Company fees £95; Officers £25; Associate Members £27; Young Person Members £10.

Mr Donaldson paid tribute to Mr John Williams for his stewardship of the Brigade's resources during his Treasurer ship and the President made a presentation on behalf of the Brigade.

Mr Norman Batty, Brigade Vice President hosted a review of the 125 year which contained a DVD presentation, a presentation by Mrs Jane McKenna of the Laura Lynn Children's Hospice and a presentation by members recently returned from Cameroon.

Following lunch Brigade staff highlighted issues relating to the year ahead. The Brigade Secretary spoke about the Engage a Generation Conference and Development workers spoke of their ongoing support for existing Companies and developing new opportunities. Ongoing Programme development and new recruitment material was highlighted by Mr Phil Lund and Mr Chris Norman. Ms Karen Jay highlighted issues related to leader development and Mr Jonathan Eales spoke about the Brigade's administration services and improving the quality of support for Companies.

In an Open Forum Executive and Staff members responded to questions from Council members.

Miss Sharon Mackey & Mr Perry Donaldson made an invitation to Brigade Council 2010 which will take place in Armagh

Council closed with worship led by The Revd Derek Sargent.

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