

GLASGOW BATTALION

The Boys' Brigade



Board of Trustees Meeting Summary

The Board of Trustees met at Battalion HQ on Monday 26th August 2019 at 7:30pm. The following Trustees attended the meeting:-

Douglas Ellis, Rev N. Galbraith, Robert Linton, Craig Manson, Maureen McKillop, Gary McQueen & David Ritchie.

In attendance: Jim McVean

Key matters discussed & decisions taken:

- Stephen Dott, Under-26 Trustee intimated his decision to resign from the Board due to work commitments. The Secretary will liaise with Eastern District to co-opt an additional Trustee to maintain the district link as per Battalion rules.
- The Secretary confirmed that 3 Companies, the 101st Glw. (Partick District), & 145th Glw. and 254th Glw. (Eastwood District) would not restart for session 2019/2020. It is highly likely that the 72nd Glw (Eastern District) would be in a similar situation. Work is in hand to address staffing at the 190th Glw in Stepps Parish Church where a temporary Captain has been appointed and at least one new Company Section Leader identified. The Board discussed methods to identify Companies 'at risk' and the Secretary will look at options within the Brigade Database system to create a 'scoring system' in conjunction with local knowledge on staffing/attendance at events/participation in advanced awards/training.

The Board:-

- Examined the first quarter results for 2019/2020.
 - The Financial report for the 3 months to June 2019 shows core costs higher than budget due to the backdated payroll commitments. It is expected that this will return to expected values as we move forward.
 - Donation income is better than the equivalent period last year and together with a £15k legacy our core funding stands at £25K.
 - We have a slight surplus for the first quarter.
 - Investment income shows a slight increase from the equivalent period last year.
- Discussed the strategy items linked to the 3 Brigade Scotland Strands – Growth, Quality, Voice
 - Work is in hand to develop a new Company Section at the 162nd Glw (Carntyne Parish Church) This will include support from the Brigade Scotland Cashback fund
 - A pilot 'hub' initiative is being run with the 125th, 200th & 212th Glw Companies in Springburn District.
 - A Chaplains Event for Churches in the Glasgow, Lennox & Argyll and Strathkelvin Battalions was held on 11/8/19 at Lenzie Union, hosted by the Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery. Over 20 Chaplains attended the event which was designed to promote the Boys' Brigade as a mission tool for churches and provide advice on effective partnerships between Company & Church. It is planned to use the format at other future events.
 - Updated Youth Leader Training resources are expected by the end of 2019.
 - A review of the Skills for Queen's Badge Media Skills Course is in hand
 - All courses for young people will be evaluated against the Youthlink Scotland National Youthwork Outcomes.
 - It was agreed to reference the key messages on Vision, Mission & values at all opportunities within Battalion publications
- Noted information from Brigade Scotland & Brigade UK
 - OBM – 6 Companies still to complete stat return for 2018/2019. 2 Companies to complete stat return for 2017/2018. 7 Companies in arrears of payment of fees to Brigade UK
 - Brigade Conference 2019 – It was agreed to vote in favour of motion 11, and vote against the London District amendment, 11 (ii). Discretion was given to the Battalion Secretary to consider the vote for 11(i) pending discussion on the day.
 - Guild Project – Over 180 Guilds throughout Scotland received presentations from the Boys' Brigade following the launch of the new 3 year project in session 2018/2019. 6 local presentations are planned for delivery by the Battalion Secretary in the coming session.