

## AGM MINUTES 2 November 2023

Zoom at 7.00pm

**In the meeting:** Linda Terry (Chair), Phil Turner (Treasurer), Simon Tompsett, Maurice Crichton, Martin and Elizabeth Denbigh, Susan Harris, Nick Jones, Janice Newton, David Denbigh (Zoom Master and Minutes), Diana Wyatt, Emily Hansen, Chris Jackson, Margaret O'Donnell (14 members, quorum is 10 members).

Some members who intended to join the meeting were unable to do so because of the problem with Zoom access - our sincere apologies.

\* non-members

1. Welcome. Linda Terry gave us all a warm welcome.
2. Apologies for absence. These were noted from: Bernard Lyne, Ruth Cozens, Janet Sharpe, Noel Stabler, Leslie Senden, MaryAnn Dearlove, Margaret Scott, Jenna Drury, Wilma Edwards, John and Susan Saunders, Margaret Scott, Gary Bateson, Marie Taylor via various media.
3. Details of Proxy Voting. Ruth Cozens, Marie Taylor and Leslie Senden appointed the Chair as proxy.
4. Approval of Minutes. **The minutes of the AGM on 25 October 2022 were approved.**
5. Chair's report from Linda Terry

The Trustees' Annual Report for the year to 5 April 2023 was circulated ahead of the meeting. Linda highlighted some points.

Chair's report available online. Highlights:

- Two productions in the year: The Flood as part of the Festival Trust's Wagon Play Pageant and a Nativity for York at the Spurriergate Centre
- Nativity in 2022: several issues affected this production: the building was cold, struggled to recruit cast, possibly as a result of a number of amateur productions taking place at the same time and low audience numbers. This has prompted a re-think about future productions and the decision not to stage the Nativity in 2023.

- Nativity for 2024: multi venue, reviewing venues currently. Nick Jones would like to contact YMPST about venues to share the research carried out by York Shakespeare Project for the Tempest.
- “Mini” productions with Strasz, low budget productions giving opportunities to aspiring directors, producers and performers to develop skills in staging the Mystery Plays. We are aiming to stage this c. June 2024.
- Our grateful thanks to Stewart Hildred, editor of the newsletter, who has stepped down after many years’ contribution.
- Our thanks to our wonderful members and volunteers for the help given in productions and in fundraising events.

#### 5. Treasurer’s Report from Phil Turner

- The full accounts and finance report for the period April 2022-March 2023 are available online.
- Our main expenditure was on our two productions, our Wagon Play of The Flood and our Nativity in December. The Wagon Plays generate no income and disappointing ticket sales meant the Nativity made a loss of around £2,500.
- Although expenditure for the year exceeded our income, we are still financially secure with around £10,000 in the bank.
- Donations, subscriptions and fundraising continue to be vital in funding our activities so many thanks to those who have helped in this way.

#### **The accounts for 2022-23 were unanimously adopted.**

Appointment of Independent Examiner for the accounts:

- Bernard Lynn retiring after many years’ wonderful service to YMPST
- Appointment of Sally Maybridge as Independent Examiner for 2023-24: approved by majority
- Linda noted her thanks and those of the Committee to Bernard for his service.

#### 6. Committee elections.

Phil Turner and David Denbigh: approved by majority

Three members co-opted to committee – Emily Hansen, Tristan Heaven and Mark Comer – who will be put forward for election next year

Linda will retire at the next AGM in accordance with the terms of the Constitution.

The full committee of 7 is now therefore: Linda Terry (Chair, in her third term), Phil Turner (Treasurer, Term 3), Simon Tompsett (Term 3), Gary Bateson (Term 3), Anna Briggs (Term 2), David Denbigh (Term 2), Janice Barnes-Newton (Secretary, Term 1).

That concluded the formal business of the meeting.

We would welcome your feedback on this meeting, please contact: [membership@ympst.co.uk](mailto:membership@ympst.co.uk)

We then enjoyed an inspiring and thought-provoking talk from Mike Tyler titled “A tricky project - as it was in the beginning, is now and ever more shalt be?”

The video of the talk can be found here: <https://youtu.be/FTjdvoEIZGU>

### **Dates for your 2022-23 diary**

A Nativity for York 2024: November - December 2024 (dates and venues to be confirmed)

St Crux: Friday 12 April 2024, Saturday 31 August 2024