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Summary of 2018

January

The year began with the National Council initiating the Joy Giving Campaign, with booklets printed and distributed to members.

Other points discussed

- Making an advert for a project manager.
- Monthly blog from the blessed family department.
- Publication of Blessing guidelines.
- Hosting webinars for potential young lecturers.
- Having a 7-day workshop during 2018.

February

The National Council discussed and explored ways to improve revenue from HQ. Stakeholders and local estate agents were also contacted for ideas and suggestions.

Other points discussed

- National prayer points and mission statement
- The Memorial Woodland Committee's request for the partial fencing off of the Holy Ground at Stanton and a road for better vehicle access.
- Update on staff turnover.

March

The National Council discussed how the UK could support the 'Peace Starts With Me' events in Vienna and True Mothers visit. We investigated creating an online ticketing & donations system and how to encourage our members to attend this once in a lifetime event.

Other points discussed

- Review of the Joy giving campaign
- Decided on 25% deposit for FFWPU events at Cleeve House
- Preparations for the AGF

April

The National Council discussed and endorsed budget requests for WAIT and WFWP to prepare for Vienna.

Other points discussed

- Youth proposal and ESGD consultation.
- Sponsor Licence for missionaries.

May

There was a significant discussion on the new GDPR policy starting on May 25th and how to implement it correctly. The National Council asked the General Affairs office to spearhead this.

Other points discussed

- Youth proposal
- LinkedIn Learning
- Meeting with organisers for AGF.
- Paternity leave policy

June

The National Council discussed how to build up the Local Initiatives fund over time (formerly known as the Ad hoc budget) and communicated with the Finance Committee how much should be set aside for this.

We also discussed having an annual workshop fund to support workshops that don't break even.

Other points discussed

- Update on plans for Lancaster Gate.
- Discussed the future of Livingstone house and contacted key stakeholders.

July

The National Council discussed William Haines' and Terry Sweeney's visit to Livingstone House. Their visit was to view the building, the repairs required and get a better understanding of how it could be used more effectively. Currently Livingstone House is not appropriate for large workshops.

Other points discussed

- The application process for the EUME fund.
- We agreed to WAIT's request for £1840 for their Ghana trip. This was given from the EUME fund.
- WAIT internship
- HARP finances

August

The National Council discussed the Blessed Family Department's Sharing Project. We explored having video testimonies from the couples and running interactive webinars.

Other points discussed

- Young Adults Ministry on the National Level.
- The National Council decided to support the North London Summer Camp with £500 from the Local Initiatives Fund.
- UPF proposal for James Claxton

October

The National Council decided to have a CIG Assembly in March.

At the National Council's request Tom O'Connell and Selina Luiz have been cataloguing the furniture at Livingstone House. It has been suggested for some of the items to be auctioned amongst the membership. Decisions will be made following a review of the catalogue. This is so that more of the building can be used for educational purposes.

Other points discussed

- Increasing safety at the AGF
- Safe guarding and DBS checks
- Update on GDPR
- Review of last 4 years and next 2-4 year plan

November

The National Council discussed the Lancaster Gate kitchen oven and purchased an oven using the EUME fund.

We discussed having a National History Department. Currently General Affairs oversees the Archives. The Archives makes funding available for safeguarding the CineFilm.

Other points discussed

- AGM in January
- Noise policy at Lancaster Gate
- Considering Church Management systems to improve FFWPU communications

December

The National Council had a budget meeting to allocate the 2019 budget for each department.

This winter since Cleeve House is under repairs, the HARP workshop will be held in Livingstone House. We decided to cover the costs for HARP if a loss is made due to the difference in costs for the venue.

Other points discussed

- Date set for meeting with key leaders to discuss how our assets can be used more effectively.
- Academic Forum