

The Fragile X Society: 13th Annual General Meeting of the Incorporated Company No. 6724061

Held at 1pm on 25 September 2021 via Microsoft Teams

Board members present: Kirsten Johnson (KJ), Marie Williams, Gaia Scerif, Jo Woosnam-Savage, Rachel Instone, Mark Smith, Tim Eccleshall, Steve Harris, Rosie Martin

Family Members Present: Kathryn Silk, Sandra Mills, Louise Washer, Kimberly Eccles, Alex McQuade, Kathryn Smith, Ayd Instone, Andy Clarke, Laurel Herring Johnson, Sarah Eley, Anne Eccleshall, Chris McQuade, Lynne Zwink, Katherine Zwink, Eleanor Slevin, Eamonn Slevin, Iulia Toch, Vasile Toch, Joanna Herring Johnson, Judy Burt, Brian Burt, Tim Silk,

Associate Members/Guests present: Jan Wright (Northern Ireland contractor); *Pete Richardson – Managing Director (PR)*, Hayley Crawford, Andy Stansfield

Apologies: Edel Harris, Andrew Jacques

Minutes of the meeting

1. Welcome and apologies (KJ)

KJ opened the meeting by welcoming those present and noting apologies received. Members were asked to note their names in the Teams chat for internal AGM records.

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 22 September 2020 (KJ)

Minutes were formally received, with members voting via Teams poll to accept these. There were no matters arising.

3. Receipt of Report of the Directors (PR)

PR introduced the report of Directors, highlighting that:

It has been a difficult year for all but the Fragile X Society has responded well and been able to switch our approach to be more digital-led and to deliver differently.

Directors are incredibly grateful for support of members, fundraisers and for our staff team Jane, Caroline and Kate – all credit to them for continuing in these difficult circumstances.

We have a membership of 2370 and have grown marginally (by 1.3% since last year), which at a time when many small charities have needed to close or reduce should be seen as a success.

We are the only UK charity dedicated to Fragile X and this allows us to offer more specialist support. 100% of feedback on our support worker service confirmed that members felt reassured by being in touch with them. We also dealt with 389 contacts from professionals.

We have secured over £55,000 worth of grants and were supported with over £60,000 worth of professional expertise from Costello Medical. Support from members has also played a huge part to our fundraising and awareness raising and encourages the staff team and Directors in their roles too.

Members voted via Teams poll to receive the report of Directors

4. Receipt of the independently examined accounts (TE)

TE introduced the independently examined accounts, highlighting that:

The Independent examiner Critchleys are content with the accounts.

Family and third party fundraising reduced by £25,636 given Covid limitations but this was offset by regular supporters increased their donations by (amount) and an additional £51,000 in unrestricted grant funds. We are very grateful for this support.

Surplus for the year of £27,280.

TE also offered a short overview of finances for the year to date since March 2021, highlighting an increase in donations, a generous legacy gift of £75,000, and the fact that third party fundraising has resumed.

Members voted via Teams poll to receive the independently examined accounts.

Thanks from members and Directors to Tim for all his hard work on the accounts which has really helped to support our grants bids.

5. Board of Director elections

KJ thanked all Directors for their support and work over many years, mentioning specifically those who were retiring. KJ further recommended five new Directors for election to the Board.

Accordingly, the following Directors were elected via member Teams polls with effect from 25 September:

- Anne Eccleshall,
- Katherine Zwink,
- Tim Clarkson,
- John Quaye,
- Andrew Jaques

The following Directors retired from the Board:

- Alex Case,
- Rachel Instone,
- Craig McDonald,
- Tally Nothey,
- Joanne Woosnam-Savage

6. **Appointment of Independent Examiners (Accounts)**

The Chair and Treasurer recommended that Critchleys Auidt LLP are reappointed as independent examiners.

Members voted via Teams poll to agree this recommendation

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