

Lewes Meeting for Worship for Church Affairs
Sunday, 5 July 2020 at 14.30, held via Zoom
MINUTES

22.20 Minute from AM re Eldership

We have received the following Minute from Area Meeting held on 14 June:

55.20 Elder at Lewes. Louise Tinsley has been appointed by Lewes Meeting to serve on their EORG –Eldership and Oversight Resource Group. We ask Lewes Meeting to clarify the role of EORG and how it relates to Area Meeting eldership and oversight. We hope that they will be able to report back to AM in September.

together with a note from the Clerks in consultation with EORG and Nominations, giving more background to this minute (attached). In response to the AM minute, EORG minuted on 29 June:

We hope that Lewes Meeting's Nominations Committee will check if those being appointed to EORG are willing also to have their names forwarded to AM for appointment as an AM Elder. We know that AM elders are important and accept that Lewes as the largest meeting should be well involved in supporting them. We will confirm names of those currently willing as soon as we can.

It is important that Lewes LM continues to maintain the community that is Area Meeting. We agree that we should continue to support Eldership and Oversight in our Area Meeting. In the first instance we ask Nominations Committee to nominate, to Area Meeting, Friends from EORG who are willing to serve as AM Elders. We expect that we will need to do the same for AM Overseers in due course

23.20. Reopening the Meeting House for MfW.

We thank AM Trustees and the Risk Group for the careful work they have done on how we might reopen our Meeting House for Meeting for Worship. In particular we recognise that reopening would not be possible without the willingness of our Resident Friends to prepare the Meeting House for these changes. The Risk Group's proposal is attached.

We agree that we should open the Meeting House for MfW from 12 July, for the adult meeting only, under the terms proposed by the Risk Group. Subject to the outcome of this and with a suitable risk assessment, we agree that we can run a Children's Meeting (lead by David and Louise) on 19 July and 2 August after which there should be a review.

We ask the Group to monitor the success of the reopening and keep us informed of developments and opportunities. We ask the website editor to publish risk assessments on the public section of the website.

24.20 Closing Minute

17 Friends attended this Meeting. We hope to meet again on 6 September

John Thurley, Clerk