**Society of Friends of St. John’s Cathedral, Portsmouth**

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 2 December 2018**

**In the Discovery Centre, Cathedral of St. John**

1. **Welcome.**

Gabrielle Somorjay welcomed Father P J Smith and members.

Father PJ offered prayers for the work of the Friends and commemoration for the sudden death of Chairman David Shaw.

1. **Minutes of the Last AGM.**

Minutes of the AGM held on the 3 December 2017, previously published on the Cathedral website were approved. There were no matters arising. Proposed, Canon David Mahy. Seconded, Gabrielle Somorjay.

1. **Membership secretary’s report.**

The current membership as of October 2018 is 136 members and 70 Life members.

Membership for the previous year was 138 members and 70 Life members.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

A statement of accounts for the year ending 31 August 2018 was distributed.

The society received £2,161 in subscriptions, Gift Aid and donations.

Payments during the year totalled £1,524. This included payments for a new noticeboard for the cathedral and prints for the hall. Closing balance as of 31 August 2018 was £4,809.

1. **Election of Committee**

Chairman- it was proposed that this remain vacant for one year.

Proposed, Gabrielle Somorjay . Seconded , Sarah Davis. The proposal was unanimously carried.

It was proposed that during the interim Gabrielle Somorjay should cover the Chairs position. Proposed , Father P J Smith. Seconded, Esme Shaw. The proposal was unanimously carried.

 Secretary/Treasurer - It was proposed the two posts should be amalgamated for one year. It was proposed that during the coming year Lesley Jones would cover these two positions. Proposed, Father P J Smith. Seconded, Esme Shaw. The proposal was unanimously carried.

1. **Any Other Business**

Sarah Davis expressed her gratitude to Gabrielle and Lesley for agreeing to cover the posts of chair, secretary and treasurer.

Esme Shaw proposed that once a year a talk be held on an interesting topic. This had been done in the past with invites given to the Anglican Cathedral to join us.

Father P J thanked everyone for the warm welcome and support he had been given. He expressed the need to work collaboratively.

Father P J identified the following actions as being our priority:
Developing our identity and raising our profile.

Increasing membership, including encouraging young members.

1. **Date of next AGM**

**1 December 2019 at 15.00 in the Discovery Centre, St. John’s Cathedral.**