



## Minutes of Business section of the Annual General Meeting held online via Zoom on Saturday, 19 November 2022.

*In attendance: Trustees – John Lardge, Edwin de Leon, Gay Bryant, Soozie de Leon, Joanna Bowley Laycock, Susan Thomas. JCSRR team – Margaret Scott, Lydia Backshall, Louis Sentinella. Plus approximately 50 online participants.*

### 1. Opening

The Annual General Meeting was opened by Gay Bryant Flatt with readings from the Bible, and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy.

### 2. Business Meeting

- Minutes of meeting held on 3 July 2020. No comments were made on the accuracy of these minutes and they were accepted by online voting.
- Report and Accounts  
The report and accounts for the year to 31 December 2021 was prepared by Joanna Bowley Laycock and read by John Lardge. (Copy attached).  
Joanna will cease to be Treasurer at the end of December after many years working with the charity. Great appreciation was expressed for her devotion and hard work over these years.
- Election of Trustees  
The following individuals were elected as trustees of the JCSRR charity: Gay Bryant, Joanna Bowley, Edwin de Leon, Soozie de Leon, Susan Thomas, Tim Twinn and John Lardge.

### 3. Fruitage

A number of fruitage reports were shared.

### 4. Updates on activities

The rest of the meeting was devoted to updates on the Online CS Reading Room, livestreaming of lectures and other CS events, social media and Google Adwords.

A video of the meeting was available online for some time after the event

## **JCSRRUK Financial Report for 2021**

Our income for the year was £100,302.10 and our expenditure was £112,946.64, leaving us with a deficit of £12,644.54.

Our donations were down on 2020, with one donation from a restructuring church for general use, etc. We have a raft of monthly donations from churches and individuals that help to fund the Online Reading Room. We are very grateful for these as they help cover the costs of our ORR team, which is our biggest expenditure. Donations come mainly by bank transfer and our CAF Donate button on the website. We are always very grateful for donations, large and small.

The salaries expenditure is now all grouped together as we have taken on new staff and one of our major contractors is now a direct employee. Costs have now been moved from other cost centres, such as social media, RR screens, etc., to the salaries cost centre. All in one place! Our team is very flexible and can cover a multitude of areas in the running of the Online Reading Room!

Our sales were increased during this year mainly due to the continuing popularity of the new "Jesus and His Followers" book. This will decrease in 2022. There is always an increase in sales when a new product is introduced by CSPA. Because we ordered a large number of these books when they came out, we did not need to spend quite so much on stock in 2021.

We renew our equipment from time to time as technology improves and livestreaming becomes more popular.

There is a big negative difference between the income and expenditure for the Reading Room screens, but the reason is that screens were purchased for installation by our team but the installation was in 2022, so going over the year end. We do not invoice the churches until installation is complete. This evens itself out over the years.

Livestreaming is an activity that roughly breaks even. We have seen a big increase in the number of talks that churches wish to livestream and over the last couple of years this was the only way talks could reach the public. Because livestreaming a talk has become more popular, it is now more common alongside an in-person talk to reach a larger audience.

There have been small increases in certain running costs, but nothing unexpected.

If you have any questions about the accounts, please email Joanna at [treasurer@spirituality4.me](mailto:treasurer@spirituality4.me) and I will be happy to answer.

Joanna Bowley Laycock  
October 2022.