

Report: Ecclesiastical Fund

The meeting of the Ecclesiastical Fund held on February 7th 2013 opened with devotions by the convener John Willis. We welcomed Mr Bruce Fraser to his first meeting and accepted a written apology from Prof Graham Hill, a letter of encouragement to us all.

There were no applications to either the College Fund or Heritage Fund for this year.

The National Commitments Committee held earlier in the year, agreed to \$147,000 of the Ecclesiastical funds for allocation 2013 be allocated to the academic salaries of the PCANZ Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership. This then left \$378,169 available to be distributed.

From the attached schedule you will see that \$11,945 were for Building Reports and Insurance Valuations thus leaving \$366,224 to cover the 12 applications of \$411,459 from the Parishes and Camps.

The applications varied from purchase of land, new buildings, extensions to maintenance.

The committee was aware that of funds available, not all applicants' needs would be met, there may be some disappointments. The attached schedule was unanimously decided after careful and prayerful consideration of information before us.

It would be of help to this committee, when the Parishes and Camps fill out their application forms that all questions are answered especially those relating to the mission and life of the Parish. Some may consider it irrelevant, e.g. if an application is regarding the manse, however it provides vital information for the committee.

The committee wish to express their thanks to Netta Noone for the work she has done, as she steps down from her term on the committee.

Finally our thanks to the Executive Officer of Synod, Fergus Sime for the careful preparation to the detail and presentation of all information for our meeting.

John Willis
Convener.