

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

6th December 2016 at 7.00 pm

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Angela Dennehy (ADy), Ann Taylor(AT), Christine Bodley (CB), Joan Bleackley (JB), Cath Cohen(CC), Annette Kirrane (AK), Ruth Hamilton (RH)

Apologies: Collette McAndry

1. Fr Lomas – opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th November were read and accepted as a true record and signed by Father Paul. Matters arising were dealt with in the appropriate section

3. Christmas Fair

- 3.1. We need to rethink the Bottle Tombola as the revenue received worked out as £1.60 per bottle – most bottles donated were wines and spirits.
- 3.2. The revenue from the raffle was down as we had to miss a week because of the special collection – as this will also occur in 2017 it was suggested we start selling them earlier.
- 3.3. We have to keep Christ The King as our Patronal day so it was suggested next year we have a Christ Church Christmas Café with stalls, which may encourage better attendance.
- 3.4. £500 was sent to WellSpring (which would provide 100 meals)
- 3.5. The Shoe boxes and other items for the Catholic Children's Society were collected

4. LITURGY

- 4.1 Ideas for purchases for the Children's Liturgy, from the fair proceeds, were:-
CD Player + CDs (Father Paul may be able to download something from his Supply); £10 worth of posters have been ordered; we can get individual mats (carpet samples) at £0.50p each – we need 20; Advent candles, Liturgy Book.

Action: Liturgy leaders

- 4.2 Baptisms – 8 since the last meeting – these are now announced in the newsletter.
- 4.3 Funerals for Lorraine McAvady; Tom Lyth; Antonio Quacuarelli – 2 planned for w/b 11th
- 4.4 Practice for the Children's Liturgy vigil mass to be on the Friday p.m. or evening – it will depend on when the schools finish.

Action: FP to advertise regular liturgy with the schools

4.5. Christmas Services

Saturday 24th Children's Vigil Mass at 5.30p.m. Carols around the tree at 7p.m.
Carols in church 11.30 p.m. Mass 12 midnight – followed by mince pies in the hall
Sunday 25th Mass 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. [no mass or celebration on Monday]
27th – 30th Mass 10 a.m.

5. FUND-RAISING

- 5.1 A request for an appeal for ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) in 2017 was discussed and agreed. Their last appeal was 2012. The date will depend on other appeals

Action: FP, CC & RH to check date

5.2 Piety Shop

CC raised this as it does raise funds for the church – **Action: CC to provide figures**

FP – commendations to those running it

6. YOUTH

- 6.1 Meeting for parents re Confirmation candidates on 30th November at 7.30 – 12 people attended

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

- 7.1 Cards for the victims of torture will be signed on November 26th/27th: 56 in the first week, people find it preferable and easier. Next session 10/11th Dec

Action: notice in newsletter in advance re Cards CC/RH

8. LPA/ DEANERY

- 8.1 Shared Advent Penitential service. Thursday 15th December at 7.30 at St. Anne's Cheadle Hulme

Looking into how we can do our own reconciliation service.

9. MAINTENANCE

9.1 It was agreed that top soil could be ordered for the front flower beds to allow planting to take place. **Action: DL to order** - awaiting information from DL

9.2 The lamps in church are being replaced, without charge.

9.3 Left hand external door is sticking & not closing properly – the control is under the metal plate and needs attention. The left hand inner door needs a mechanism to stop it banging.

Action: FP to contact company

9.4 Camera – he is coming to see why it goes black & white.

9.5 Font – we have been promised it will be replaced by Christmas, with a spare smaller bowl.

9.5 It was agreed Paul Kirrane will fix a lock on one of the cupboards in the porch and put up shelves in the Piety shop. Costs have been provided.

10. PARISH HALL

10.1 Gates should be closed at night after use.

10.2 Football "8X8" training for 2-5year olds on Wednesday mornings – only 1 came

10.3 The smell on entering the hall has been dealt with by adjusting the fill/flush rate. This needs monitoring as it uses more water. **Action: FP & Mark Connolly**

11. ECUMENISM

11.1 Heegon Moon, Brown Lane Methodist Church, has taken over the chair, from James Ambrose, and produced a constitution.

11.2 The Life Group has been taken over by the Life Group in Sale

11.3 The Inter Faith meeting at the URC went very well

12. SOCIALS

12.1 The New Year party for seniors will be on Saturday January 28th 2017 start 2 p.m. The band we had in 2016 has been booked, the charge is £50. It was agreed to not have a bingo game so more time was available for the music and to leave room for dancing.

A list needs to go up in the porch **Action: CC/RH**

We have several bottles of wine, some were late donations to the fair.

13. CHILD PROTECTION

FP has approached one person, regarding taking over from Colette, who is going to think about it.

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

14.1 Betty Murphy – 80th birthday this month. As she doesn't like a fuss the plan is to give a presentation of flowers etc. at the seniors' party. Also have a big card for people to sign.

Action: CC/RH

14.2 Jess wasn't well so couldn't sell at the coffee day – she made £100 at Christmas & has now made £700. Needs £1100.00.

14.3 Suggestion we put deaths in the newsletter with our sympathies & a notice mourners are welcome to talk to someone. **Action:** Contact for individuals or counsellors

December Draw winners 1st prize No. 75 Ann Taylor 2nd No.148 Mike Handley

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17th Jan 7pm – just party planning as FP is away from 15th -27th

The meeting ended with a short prayer