

PARISH MEETING MINUTES

6th June 2017 at 7.00 pm

Present: Father Paul Lomas (FP), Angela Dennehy (ADy), Cath Cohen(CC), Denise Hardman (DH),
Apologies Ann Taylor(AT), Joan Bleackley (JB), Christine Bodley (CB), Ruth Hamilton (RH), Anne
Dennison (AD)

1. Fr Lomas opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd May were amended, read and accepted as a true

3. Matters Arising

Matters arising were dealt with in the appropriate section

4. LITURGY

4.1 Easter was considered by all to be an enjoyable festival. It was suggested we hold a meeting with ministers of the Eucharist, Reading and Welcoming on Saturday 1st July. Starting with mass at 9am followed by refreshments in the hall and the meeting to clarify duties/practicalities in serving the church. FP suggested we have different speakers e.g. Chris Bester regarding the readers and discussing his proposal for readers to introduce the antiphons. **Action: CC to put notice in the newsletter.**

4.2 A year of Mission –FP has not had chance to speak with Alan & Rita. On reflection, it was doubtful whether doing the course would attract ‘new’ participants other than those who already aware of the values of missions. We can look at getting someone in to address this.

4.3 Cassocks – JB reports we need more cassocks. Previous ones were made by Tom and we discussed sourcing material and putting in an appeal for them to be made, however, it was decided we would look into the possibility of buying red ones. **Action: CC to look into this**

4.4 DH raised a point made by some parishioners at the Vigil Mass regarding changing the time from 6.30. The proposal of rotating times with the other LPA churches was rejected as it would cause too much confusion. FP is willing to change and will take it to the LPA; it was suggested we do a poll as to who wants 5.30 or 6.30 (we couldn't see the benefit of a half hour change).

5. FUND-RAISING / FINANCE

5.1 Little Sisters of the Poor – FP spoke to sister to say it was not possible this year as it wasn't long since we last had one.

5.2 Foreign currency – We received a cheque for £384.00 regarding pre-decimal coins donated and a cheque for £184 regarding foreign coins collected in the porch. The monies from these will be split between Concern and Francis House.

5.3 Credit from Catholic Herald – We discovered that a few years ago the order was reduced from 10 to 5, however, we were still being charged for 10. RH contacted them and we were credited with £450.00. FP agreed to accept a credit note rather than a refund as that would put a strain on the paper's finances.

5.4 Finance Report – FP presented the report which has been sent to the Diocese.

5.5 Communications Sunday – We didn't do a second collection so we will send a cheque to match what we sent last year.

5.6 Parish Draw – 1st 148 Mike Handley 2nd 151 Bernard McAndry

6. YOUTH

Confirmation – Liturgy for the Confirmation has been done – we are looking to have the confirmations here, at Christ Church, in future; if numbers are not too large.

7. JUSTICE AND PEACE

CC reported that the stall will go ahead. (AT) emailed other members to say we were not able to lead but will support anyone who wants it to go ahead. Fair trade products for display and raffle will be brought to Christ Church.

8. LPA/ DEANERY

8.1 No report as meeting later in the month.

9. MAINTENANCE

9.1 Faulty lights – 2 went again

9.2 Carpet – we will have to look at getting 3 quotes to having it replaced.

9.3 Building Inspection – Dennis carried one out and suspected there may be asbestos in the church roof but it is not a problem. We will have to look at the report but there is nothing major.

9.4 Date for phase 2 -cellar. Date agreed as Saturday 17th June 2017 9am start

10. PARISH HALL

10.1 Water heater – we purchased a new swan 20 litre free standing heater. It could do with a solid plinth to enable safely filling pots.

10.2 Plumbing in gent's toilet – not heard back from plumber.

10.3 Ramp into the hall – PK will probably remove the old ramp on the 17th June.

11. ECUMENISM

11.1 See attached report. The Interfaith meeting regarding the Chaplaincy at M/C airport was well attended by a number of the different faiths and was well received. A Hustings with 3 candidates took place at Christ Church. Peter Burns did an excellent job as MC, it was a pity that not many attended.

12. SOCIALS

12.1 Swinging Affair – FP told Alice Saturdays are not possible because of evening mass but no other date has been arranged.

12.2 Flower Festival – FP proposed we organise a flower festival to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Christ Church. The idea was well received.

13 SAFEGUARDING

Carol has asked for a notice to be put up in the porch as to her role and for leaflets to be displayed.

Action: CC to organise

Carol pointed out there should be another adult in with the junior liturgy to comply with safeguarding. Having another catechist is not possible -suggest we ask a parent or another adult member of the congregation.

14. Any other notified business/correspondence:

AD raised the point of having flowers behind the Tabernacle was distracting and not needed.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th July at 7pm in Meeting Room

The meeting ended with a prayer