

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND ST. PETER'S PARISH
MINUTES OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2009.

Present: Fr. Jim O'Hanlon, Pat Lee, Sr. Ignatius, Colette Burns, Tony Garrett.

Opening Prayer: Fr. Jim led the opening prayer; Pat read the Gospel and Sr. Ignatius read the reflection.

Apologies: None.

Minutes of previous Meeting:

With two small amendments, the minutes were passed as a true record and signed by Pat Lee.

Matters Arising:

Heating at St. Peter's.

Fr. Jim reported that this should be going ahead in December.

Plaque for Fr. Newsham.

A photograph has been obtained so this can now go ahead with the appropriate inscription.

Mission.

There has been no feedback regarding this matter as yet.

Painting at St. John's.

A quote has been accepted for £3890 plus vat. Tony informed the committee that a representative from ICI will be coming to the parish to discuss appropriate paint colours.

Garden Party.

Fr. Jim has spoken to Simon Curley and this item will be brought up at the next Governors meeting.

Youth Mass.

To date there have been two Youth Masses and these went very well.

Christmas Mass at St. John's.

Colette doing breakdown regarding attendance figures.

Fr. Jacek's Homilies.

Pat to speak to Helen regarding this matter.

Guttering at St. Peter's.

This matter is ongoing.

St. Francis School.

Colette has received a copy of the Deanery Report on the school. The verdict was outstanding. It was proposed to send a letter to Mrs. Shipstone and Mrs. Jan Hickey from the PPC congratulating them on the report.

New Members for the PPC.

The list of groups in the parish needs to be updated before various groups can be approached.

Maria Greensmith has resigned from the PPC due to other commitments; the PPC would like to thank Maria for her commitment to the PPC and a letter of thanks will be forwarded to her.

AGENDA:

Grants for the Parish/Transport for Silver Circle.

Fr. Jim reported that a meeting had recently taken place with a representative from Social Services regarding various grants available. Chairs are required for the Silver Circle Group in the Parish Centre; Marie Bryning is looking into obtaining various forms etc. regarding grants for these items for use by the silver Circle.

Pat informed the PPC that the SVP Society has agreed to pay for a mini bus to transport five/six parishioners each month to and from the Silver Circle meetings. Eileen Keogh will liaise with Pat regarding dates and times of the various meetings. This will hopefully start in the New Year.

Magazine on the Website.

The magazine team would like to try a different method of getting the next issue of the magazine out to those who would like it, as it is impossible to keep an up-to-date distribution list. The magazine will be available on the website, but for anyone who would prefer a paper copy, these will still be available. Fr. Jim raised the point whether the PPC might need to see copy before it going on the website; it was agreed that Colette would 'vet' the copy first. The editor will be contacting various advertisers in the magazine before going ahead with the change. It was agreed to have only the current magazine on the website at any one time.

Any Other Business.

Christmas Fayre.

Fr. Jim hoped that parishioners would be available to help out at this forthcoming event.

Youth SPUC.

There is to be a Youth SPUC Conference in Scotland next year. It is hoped some of our young parishioners will attend.

Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday January 28th 2010 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.