

Sacred Heart Parish

PSC Committee meeting 5th November 2018

MINUTES

Welcome and opening prayer

Fr Karol opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on our deliberations.

Apologies Philip Spencer: Michael Lynch: Arthur Ryans: James Howe.

Present Fr Karol, Fiona Smith (chair), David Kerr (vice- chair) Elizabeth Barker (secretary) Richard Shilleto, Ian Wallace, Ann Pyne.

Minutes

The minutes of the last full meeting of the PSC on 17th July had been sent out to members from the Parish office in draft form.

The minutes were agreed and passed.

Matters Arising

Review of Constitution

David had sent copies of the updated version of the Constitution by email to all members. Two changes which were recommended have been amended and the new version was distributed to those present. The advice of keeping the document simple from the guidance of Churches Together in England was followed as David had recently updated the Constitution for Churches Together in St Ives. This final draft of the Constitution must be endorsed by the Parish Priest and 75% of those present at the next Open meeting. If PSC members wish any changes they must inform David before the Open Meeting on November 18th.

Sacristan Duties at 8am Mass.

There is no one carrying out the duties of the Sacristan at 8am Mass resulting in Fr Karol having to set up the altar in readiness for the Mass. There are no altar servers either at this Mass. It was decided that an appeal at this Sunday Mass be made for parishioners to take on these duties.

A Master of Ceremonies is needed especially at Easter time. Altar servers need to be trained as well and if possible become members of the Guild of St Stephen.

World Day for the poor.

Sunday 18th November has been designated World Day for the Poor by Pope Francis.

The chairman has already advertised the collection of food and money for the 18th November after all Masses. It is hoped that the usual collectors will take up the retiring collection. Ian has been delivering the food donations to the All Saints Hall every week. He asks that we find out to whom cheques should be made payable. Elizabeth will contact Carol Dennis who runs the food bank. **Action Elizabeth**

Bible Sunday

Sunday 9th December has to be celebrated as Bible Sunday in our Diocese. After some discussion it was decided that four copies of the new Catholic CTS bible should be purchased for parishioners to view and decide if they want a copy. A flyer and order sheet should be attached to the newsletter on 2nd December and returned to the parish office for ordering. The parish will subsidise the cost and make it £8 per copy.

REPORTS

Council of Laity – Fiona will attend the next meeting at Poringland on 24th November when it is expected that Bishop Alan will speak about his recent visit to Rome where he had a 2 hour audience with Pope Francis.

Proclaim – David stated that he was concerned that numbers attending the monthly meetings are declining. Fr Karol suggests that for Lent 2019 we do a rerun of Forming Intentional Disciples Course. This book upset a number of people but it stirred them up! A parish mission is needed lasting for a full week but it has been difficult to find a Missionary Society of Priests to take it on. *Full report attached.*

Finance and Building *Full report is attached.*

Fr Karol said that nearly all of the expenditure for the La Salette room has been refunded from our Alive in Faith commitment. It was asked if the church heating system was being replaced but although it is 15 years old it is working proficiently and will not be replaced in the near future.

Social Group Report attached. It was said that there needs to be consultation with the Holy Land group to avoid a clash of event dates. David suggested organising a men's curry night but maybe not the remit of the Social Group.

Holy Land Group. Report attached

Music Group. No report.

S.V.P Report attached.

5pm Mass The question of congestion at the door after 5pm Mass was raised. There is no solution and the same situation is worse at the 9.30am and 11am Masses. Patience is requested while Fr Karol takes the time to greet everyone. Report attached.

8am Mass Report attached

11am Mass No report.

9.30 am Mass Polish Mass

Michael's report was remarked upon as very interesting and encouraging. An average of 90 parishioners are attending each week but as a result the other Masses have reduced numbers. The Polish community attend the same sacramental preparation as all other members of the parish.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ST IVES

At the AGM Fr Karol was elected Chairman for the coming year, Paula Dean from the Methodist Church is the new vice-chair and David Kerr has taken on the role of acting secretary. It is hoped that at the meeting next week there will be a volunteer from one of the other churches as the chair and secretary should not be from the same church.

Mrs Wilhelmine Brown has kindly agreed to be the third representative from our parish, making our complement of reps. complete.

Forthcoming Activities:

- January 18th to 25th Octave of Prayer for Unity.

- March 8th Women's World Day of Prayer 11am at Sacred Heart.
- April 19th Good Friday Procession and Service Fr Karol's turn to lead.

He has ordered 6000 copies of the Evangelization Divine Mercy picture to be distributed. At the Memorial Service on Sunday 11th November at the Cross of Sacrifice in St Ives CTSI are having a wreath laid. Rev Catherine Ball has asked if our representative who is reading at the Service could also lay the wreath. Elizabeth to ask Sean O'Farrell to do this **.Action Elizabeth**

GRAPEVINE_ The Winter Edition is on schedule.

GDPR David said that most Mass goers have completed the required declaration. The problem is that there are few volunteers for inputting the data.

OPEN MEETING Items for the Agenda were submitted. See Agenda.

Liturgy Concerns.

Elizabeth had suggested having a greater input by parishioners of all ages into the Nativity Play/ Celebration. A number of names have been put on the list in the porch but nearly all children. It may be that we also have a silent tableau in the front of the church

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fr Karol had received 2 requests for charity appeals. It was decided to have an appeal for Aid to the Church in Need on the weekend of the 30th/31st March. The other appeal for SPUC is covered by the mandatory collection by the diocese in June every year for Life Charities.

Fiona asked if her daughter would be permitted to start a parent and Toddler club in the hall. She was advised to check the parish diary with the secretary for a suitable date and time.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 21st January at 7.30pm in the presbytery.

Next Open meeting Sunday 18th November at 3pm.

Fr Karol closed the meeting with prayer at 9.35pm