

MINUTES

Sacred Heart Parish Open Meeting

Sunday 26th November, 2017 09.30 in Parish Hall

Present:

Speakers: Fr Karol Porczak – Parish Priest; David Kerr – Acting Chairman / Proclaim! , Elizabeth Barker – Religious Education and Liturgy; Paul Kent – Treasurer, F&BC Report; Magdalena Kania – Parish Secretary – Minutes, James Howe – Music Group

Approximately 25 Parishioners

Apologies from: Michael Read, Fiona Smith, Frances Hall

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Fr Karol opened the meeting with a greeting and a prayer.

David Kerr referred to Michael Read's illness and his recovery.

Minutes of the Last Meeting in May 2017

Minutes were confirmed by M. Sant

Acting Chairman's Report

David updated the membership of the Parish Steering Committee:

- New appointments to PSC Members including representative of Polish community, Michal Wojcik
- Ellen Kemp stood down as Chair of F& BC in September.
The Parish offered her a huge thank-you for her hard work on the committee and various projects, especially the recent addition of the La Salette room.
- 8am Mass Representative, Tony Haddock, has completed his term and a new representative is needed.
- Christine Allard and Angela Love have stood down as parish representatives on CTSI and replacements will be sought.

Finance & Buildings Report

Paul presented a summary of the parish accounts – see attached spreadsheet. He particularly referred that:

- Alive in Faith drawdown facility remains available to recover £24,796.17 Parish Courtyard Funding.

Overall he did not see big funding problems and we should be able “to keep our heads above water”

- Courtyard Project- La Salette Room update.

Paul reported that parish have spent less than original quote for £57.540 and only spent £55.975.

Religious Education and Liturgy – see attached report

Elizabeth also drawn attention to SVP 40 years Anniversary display in the Hall.

Proclaim! – see attached report

David introduced his attached report on Proclaim! progress in our Diocese.

Fr Karol's Report

In an oral report Fr Karol referred to:

- Brother Jarek Stupkiewicz MS arrival last month and his employment in the parish as a Housekeeper and a Hall cleaner. Br Jarek's English lessons will be paid for by The Congregation and La Salette Missionaries in England
- In February 2018 there will be a Provincial Chapter of the Polish Province of La Salette Congregation
- Provincial Council has established three religious houses in England combined with six parishes run by La Salette Fathers. Because in East Anglia there are two places where the La Salettes are ministering – Peterborough and St Ives – it might be that Fr Karol and brother Jarek will belong to a Peterborough Religious House.
- Courtyard project is accomplished with the "La Salette Room". It is remarkable that the blessing of this room occurred on the exact 7th Anniversary of La Salette Congregation presence at the Sacred Heart.
- Alive in Faith reached over £77,000 this month. When the expected funds reach £135,000, 75% of the remaining £53,000 declared pledges will go to parish projects, which could be:
 - A) Surveillance cameras system improving the security of the parish complex;
 - B) Maintenance of the sound system;
 - C) Maintenance of the heating system after 15 years of warranty usage time;
 - D) Creation of an en-suite in the study/3rd bedroom
 - E) Decoration of the hall, landing and stairs
- Papworth church ground is for sale. We have confirmation that 50% of the amount raised will be given to the Sacred Heart St Ives Account. The amount is not the highest expected, but is significant.
- The rota of prayer for each village in our parish will commence on the 1st January 2018. The villages will be attached to the Intentions of the Masses for each day marked with the ® symbol. We cover the list of the 26 villages, 2 days dedicated to St Ives-North, St Ives-South and the remaining irregular dates from 29th to 31st will be dedicated to the prayer for other Christians, other religions and others in general. The list will be included in each edition of *The Grapevine*;
- I would like to introduce Polish Masses on every Sunday of the year starting on the 1st Sunday of Advent, i.e. 3rd December this year. Brother Jarek is more than happy to organize the staffing of the celebration with proper rotas within the Polish community;
- On the 13th January next year there will be the meeting in Newmarket regarding Creating Missionary Parishes Teams in each parish.

- There will be 45? banners exposed on the front of the church marking important events in our parish: Advent & Christmas, Sacred Heart of Jesus – the solemnity of the dedication of our parish, Lent & Easter and the Solemnity of Our Lady of La Salette.

Any Other Business

- Following a reference to young children in push chairs at Mass, there was discussion of how best to deal with children at Mass. It was generally felt that they and their parents should be very welcome at Mass but, with the opening of the La Salette Room with TV and sound systems, parents should consider taking disruptive children into that space.
- Ellen Kemp ask for clarification on Inhabitants of the village prayer.

Date and time of next meeting

Next Parish Open Meeting for Sunday 15th April at 3 pm