

MINUTES OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2010

AT 7.00PM IN ST. ANNE'S PRIORY

Present: Elaine Clegg, Margaret Daunt, Clare Guidi, Chris Merriman (Chair,) Fr. Boniface Moran, Fr. Godric Timney.

Minutes Secretary: Margaret in Brian's absence.

1. Opening Prayer

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the opening prayer.

2. Apologies

Peter Mawtus, Deacon Des, Brian Farrimond, Deacon Mac.

3. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 4th July 2010 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

Member photographs

Action: Jonjo and Elaine will arrange photo session with Frank Millar.

Done.

Action: Chris to arrange for a photo of Deacon Mac to be placed at the back of church and for photo of Maria Cooper to be removed

Done.

Parish Website Support

Action: Fr. Godric to get photograph and leaflet on history of St. Elizabeth's to James

Ongoing

Action: James to advise Fr. Godric when site ready to go live so that it can be advertised to parishes

Done.

Action: Margaret to ask Colette to put notice in bulletin advertising revised, updated website to parishioners.

Parish Mission

Action: Youth contribution to be handled by the Mission team.

Done.

Action: St. Bede's music and drama contribution to be handled by the Mission team.

Done.

Chris to liaise with Bill regarding uniformed groups' contribution.

Done.

PPC members to email Chris with any suggestions on the Parish Mission Schedule.

Done.

Status of Parish Centre Development

Action: Fr. Godric to liaise with Clare to obtain copy of Code of Conduct Document (used when employing volunteers) which will specify areas of work.

Ongoing.

Parish Project

Action: Chris and Fr. Godric to put together a note to the groups asking their support for parish projects.

Ongoing.

Action: Fr. Godric is to speak to Annemarie Taylor, Liz Plumtree, Jenny ? and Pat O'Connor about organising a Parish social event.

Action: Clare Guidi and Elaine Clegg are to organise a ' Girls' Night Out' to plan a Parish Family social event.

5. New agenda items

a) Reflection on Parish Mission, plus follow-up

Feedback on the Mission has been very positive: invigorating, animating and unifying the parish and bringing people together; excellent input from Fr. Tim Buckley; good impetus from schools in Week 1; hospitality team very good; very good attendance at most of the events; excellent evening services and events in Week 2.

Shortcomings were felt to be: lack of second missionary, felt in both weeks with regard to inputs and resulting in a lot of work for all the priests; difficulty of fully involving St. Elizabeth's; coordination with St. Bede's School could have been improved; loss of momentum after the end of the Mission.

Follow-up

The following follow-up events have been agreed:

- Three Advent Scripture talks

Action: Fr. Godric, Fr. Boniface and Br. Simon to do talks on Advent Scripture readings and the 'O' Antiphons on Sunday 28 November, Sunday 5 December and Sunday 12 December, 7.30pm- 8.30pm in The Parish Centre (need to inform Youth Group the Lounge will be in use). Possibility of session on Gregorian Chant at 7pm.

- Cribfest on Sunday 19th December

Parishioners and groups to be invited to bring in cribs to display in Church (with possible overflow in Parish Centre). This year we are to have a 'Create your own crib' theme (e.g. using recycled materials).

- House Masses

Two house masses are already up and running and it is hoped to organise others by areas/groups/ activities

Action: Fr. Boniface to consult about organising further house masses

- 6.30 am Masses

Action: Fr. Boniface and Fr. Godric to say 6.30am Mass on the four Thursdays of Advent : 2 , 9, 16 and 23 December, followed by Breakfast in the Priory.

- Prayer Paths in Lent

It is hoped to have a series of Lent Talks including:

Maria Tanton and icons; Maria Merriman and spiritual exercises; The Prayer of the Church; the Prayer of Silence; Praying in harmony with the body

Action: Chris to organise separate planning session for Lent

- Lent House Groups

Action: Clare to consult friend at Christchurch about their House groups with view to collaborating with them on a Lent House Group project

- Talks by Parishioners

Dermot Glennon has suggested giving a talk on Leaving Safe Harbours, and doing a Tour of the Church.

Action: Fr. Godric to speak to Dermot Glennon about possibility of doing talks between January and March.

Action: Chris to collate and circulate all submitted suggestions about Mission Follow-up to PPC members.

5.b) Parish Project

Action: Chris to ask Joyce Malone for suggestions on how to enhance the profile of the 'Loaf' Parish Project.

5.c) Parish Website Support (Standing Item)

See above

5.d) Status of Parish Centre Development (Standing Item)

It was agreed to buy some new cups and saucers for the Parish Centre. Three sample cups were viewed and the lowest price model chosen.

Action: Margaret to organise crockery order with Colette.

Fr. Godric reported that Shane, the new volunteer manager, has made an excellent start, doing work on site inspection, asbestos, insurance, exploring redecoration, coordinating hire arrangements, key distribution etc.

6. Correspondence

None.

7. Reserved issues

None

8. Matters arising from the minutes not dealt with elsewhere

None.

9. Any other business

Fr. Boniface distributed a possible schedule for masses on the weekend around Christmas. It is hoped to find a supply priest to help when there is only one priest.

10. Date of next meeting: Sunday 16th January at 7pm in the Priory.