

All Souls Parish Pastoral Council minutes of meeting 07.07.16

Chair : Father Michael Brandon

Minutes: Michelle Drake

Present: Deacon Paul Rabvukwa, Barbara McGowan, John Corroon, Christopher Kay, Michelle Drake

Apologies: Michael Tourville, Richard Walsh, Irene Zikpi

Agenda;

- Elections, Chair and Secretary

New members Christopher Kay and Michelle Drake welcomed and a brief outline of what the Parish council is for. New Chair and secretary to be voted on at next meeting

- Mutual Support as a council

BM recommended the constitution is revisited at the next meeting in September . Membership updated, those who have stepped down and four more members still required. Council suggested recruits from choir, childrens liturgy and All Souls school would be beneficial to try and improve links. Potential names were suggested and council agreed to approach them prior to next meeting.

All agreed those that are asked to help are often willing. A list of parish jobs could be revisited emphasizing help is also welcome.

- Finance

Reference was made to recently published income and expenditure bulletin. Further discussion postponed until next meeting

- Parish Census / List of things to support the parish

BM showed council census flyers used at other churches . Council agreed the idea of a census would be useful to capture the parish numbers who attended mass. The option to include gift aid declaration and 'I would be willing to do.....' for the parish information was mentioned and following a draft would be discussed in more detail when all members present. CK agreed to produce a draft census by 17.7.16 and forward to BG. JC to look at potential of making available on parish website

- Social Events

CK reported on the success of the first 'Young Adults' social gathering recently. A mix of ages and cultures came together in the parish room for a shared supper and an evening of relaxed chat about faith and friendship. All were keen to meet again soon. CK to arrange next date.

The annual Christmas party was proposed for Saturday 10.12.16. Following the increased success of the event last year the availability of tables to accommodate all that attended was discussed and agreed more need to be sourced; BM to chase. Last year international food and a quiz were well received. Approx £800.00 was raised for charity through selling raffle tickets. Prizes and charity need to be decided by September meeting so that printing of tickets can begin. Proposed charities to benefit from the proceeds this year were 'Night Shelter' for the homeless and the Hardship Fund. PR suggested we should do something significant to commemorate 'The year of Mercy', CK to enquire with Nobby Clark on the practicalities of opening our parish room as a night shelter for one night a week between November and March. Consideration of vacation time in the morning needed to allow other groups to use room.

Film night 7.00pm, 06.10.16 at St Barbaras, Catholic film 'Of Gods and Men' followed by discussion with Father Michael (part of CTEC)

Summer Garden Party proposed for next year. BM stated success requires good organisation so early distribution of tasks would be needed . Discuss next meeting. Potential for fundraising opportunity? new roof, refurbish kitchen, redecoration of parish room?

- Review of First Communions & Confirmation - lessons for future

Due to confirmation taking place at 9.30am mass only, parking was an issue leaving many unable to attend mass. Suggestions to involve school as parking marshals and possible use of Nursery playground for extra parking discussed.

- Ongoing Catechesis

Journey of faith, Discipleship group - reading scripture 13.10.16

Sowing the Seed - Sister Gillian

- CTEC (film night mentioned above)
- IQRA
- Weekday Worship

Weekday mass attendance is dwindling - discuss at next meeting

- A.O.B.

PA to enquire about reviewing sound system

- Future meeting dates

Thursday 29th September 2016

Tuesday 15th November 2016