

St. Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish Pastoral Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 25th
January 2023 At 7:00pm in the Parish Hall

PRESENT

ACTIONS

Canon John Griffiths - President
Carole Burns - Chair
Anthony Evans. - Secretary

Jo Hudson Gill Kane
Angela Jones Madeleine Walters
Clare Gallagher Marcia Fortner
Gerry Lewis

Agreed Actions:

Apologies: Paul Doherty / Claude Bulai / Peter Searle / David Roblin

1. Opening Prayer - Fr. John

Canon John welcomed the attendees to the meeting and began the meeting with an opening prayer

2. Apologies Received

Carole confirmed the apologies received

3. Ratification of the minutes taken for the previous meeting

Carole asked for confirmation of ratification of the previous minutes. All agreed - minutes ratified and authorised for publishing

4. Finance Arrangements

Peter's apologies received - Finance reports will soon be due for evaluation

5. Matters Arising

No matters arising were presented

6. Reaching Out Project - Gill Kane

Gill highlighted that the reaching out project is continuing, and seems to have 'a life of its own'

Youth focus

Also there is a new arm to the reaching Out which is focusing on youth - (11-16 year olds)

YAG

Community initiative to focus on the youth - two groups 11-13 and 11-16. There will be three youth nights per week to help with the focus on the vulnerable people.

Other activities to support this youth community initiative involve:

- A community garden - currently being built
- X2 football teams

Reaching Out Project CTD.

Gill - There are a further 20 families waiting for evaluation

Gill - Additional funds held will mean spare money for additional activities

Clare - How can we encourage other about how to move out of support?

Gill - The community initiative have different activities to promote options and managing situations

Gill raised the subject of Christmas initiatives - Cards and maybe hampers/ gifts

Jo - Would this be council funded?

Gill - Confirmed that there were several thousand pounds in the bank at present as a result of recent appeals for funding.

Gill also confirmed that a funding proposal/request was submitted as a bid for funding, and that they were waiting for a response - (this would possibly be between £20,000-£25,000)

Gill - Highlighted the additional work that she was doing with the RCIA and that there were currently three candidates

7. Fitness and Wellbeing Updates - Jo Hudson

Jo provided updates and insights into the recent ongoing activities of the fitness and wellbeing team

- Lots of good positive feedback from the parish about participating
- Rain stopped the initial planned walk, but a number of walks have been planned during Lent
- Although funds / payment is not necessary people can donate a pound if they feel the need.
- The walks are initially planned for Sunday's following Mass
- The intention is to have the walks on alternate Sunday's with OLOL
- When weather improves longer walks are planned an possible running events

8. Parish Evangelisation - Madeleine Walters

Madeleine confirmed that the parish will be launching a new programme for the Lenten period.
Spread the Gospel - Developing a Missionary Parish.

Following a visit to the Archdiocese by Sherry Weddell, the Archdiocese decided to tailor its own programme.

Fr. John confirmed that he had attended the programme which had previously been hosted by Madeleine and the Diocesan team online, and that he had found it very useful.

Madeleine confirmed that the programme had actually previously been delivered twice across the Archdiocese.

Fr. John - Madeleine has been asked to run the program for the parish because she had not had the opportunity to run evangelisation within the parish in the past. There would be 7 units altogether; 5 during Lent and 2 after Lent -

Anthony - It might be useful to do something a little different to prepare the parish for this - maybe mentions / talk about elements of the programme during the Mass setting.

Fr. John said this would not be needed and that he had been praying for the programme and hoped that everyone would respond.

9. Fr. John Items

Fr. John. Highlighted that there were many funerals currently being completed and arranged within the parish. And said that this had affected him a little - he apologised if he didn't seem his normal self, due to the loss of a number of parishioners.

Fr. John mentioned in particular, the loss of Brenda Johnson and Moya; he also updated the council about Terry O'shea.

Fr. John shared his astonishment at how all of the blankets provided to the primary school had been well received - also, the food banks parcels take-up which the school had recommended for certain families

Fr. John raised the subject of hymnbooks which had not been updated since 1988 - He proposed that we look to upgrade these to the Celebration for Everyone version which had been approved by the Bishop's conference. The price to do this was about £1700 - The council had no objections to this and Fr. John confirmed that he would arrange the purchase.

Fr. John made the PAC aware that there was a new Dean appointed for the Deanery. This would be Fr. Gray. His role would commence on Ash Wednesday.

Fr. Nicholas James was also appointed for the Deanery of Monmouthshire and Ross on Wye

Also a new Dean of Merthyr has been appointed

10. AOB

Angela - First Holy Communion - We currently have three children for this year. Angela highlighted that we would usually have 15-20, and so this was a concern. Preparation will be starting on Sunday.

Marcia - Said that this was very surprising.

Carole - Raised the subject of having possibly a bread and soup open day during Lent

Carole - Discussed Parish socials including the Quiz night

Anthony - Apologised for not sending Paul's report to the members - This would follow

Gerry - Updated the PAC about safeguarding - there was now only one DBS outstanding

11. Date of Meeting - All agreed to arrange the next meeting after Easter - Wednesday 19th April

12. Closing Prayer from Fr John - Fr John said the closing prayer before ending the meeting

