

St Gregory's Parish council



Meeting minutes

Date: 30 October 2017, 7pm

Present: Paul Kerryson (Chair) Jose Spinks (Vice-Chair); Annette Hurst (Secretary); Liz Murphy (Treasurer); John Gay; Katherine Cooke, Steve Taylor, Sue MacDonald (part)

Apologies: Sharon Nyasiri; Francesca Edwards, Xavier Patterson, Fr Tony

Welcome and opening prayer (Paul)

Actions required from the last meeting

Progress of the hall (Xavier)

Xavier will send the latest on terms and conditions around on email

Boundary and signs update

ACTION: Xavier to let Alistair know the wording for the signs so the church is covered from a legal perspective in case of injury

Graveyard update

DONE - information added to website

The fees collected from funerals go into the parish pot.

ACTION: Fr Tony/Pat to let the PC know the procedure for funeral arrangements with respect to costs for funeral directors vs costs on the sheet from the diocese.

ACTION: Annette to add a line to the document saying the fees are payable to St Gregory's church.

Mass for Tony Bianchi (November 19)

John has contacted the family and they have agreed the date and the mass is going ahead.

ACTION: Paul to speak to John Bianchi about music

ACTION: Julie to put an announcement about the mass in the bulletin this weekend and to be in the bulletin until 19 November

Christmas Fair (Liz)

Liz outlined the good progress on the Christmas Fair so far. There was only 1 new volunteer from church which was disappointing. However there are about 8 parents from school who volunteered as new volunteers. Help needed in school and moving items to school from church on Saturday

All agreed the proceeds of the fair will be split 50:50 between the school and the parish.

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ACTION: Katherine to create a generic email for the Christmas fair; email to be sent to school parents and church parishioners

ACTION: Julie Taylor to send via the churchbuilder system nearer the event (November 12 onwards)

Fr Tony 40th anniversary celebrations – 17 December

Mass will be 10.30am.

There will be a celebration at Savio afterwards.

ACTION: Annette to ask Savio about the plans for this day.

Christmas mass and service times confirmation. Are we doing a postcard?

All agreed draft times for services. Agreed we are doing a postcard.

ACTION: Annette to email out the draft times to all

ACTION: Paul to ask Mr Daley whether the children want to be involved in the carol service

ACTION: Steve to check with Fr Tony/Pat about funding electric candles for the candle holders. All PC agree the purchase of these candles if the funds are available.

Parish meeting after 1 year of new Parish Council (AGM)

The PC agreed that we should have a parish meeting on Sunday 7 January.

ACTION: Fr Tony to be asked to check this date is OK

PC agreed we will have a social committee led by a member of the PC. To be agreed in January.

Constitution summary (Steve)

Steve outlined the constitution. All PC agreed the new constitution.

ACTION: Annette to put it on the website.

Youth ministry (Sue)

Sue explained that herself and Fr Bob Gardener put a proposal to all the parish priests recently involving a Summer scheme run in parishes for children from primary and senior schools in the area.

The scheme is being offered to St Gregory's from 4-11 August 2018 and then one week each Summer for the next 2 years. Sue will bring a team of Salesian volunteers to run the Summer scheme and the Parish is being asked to recruit 3 or more young people who would like to 'train' alongside the Salesian volunteers and who would eventually take over the Summer school role.

All thought this was an excellent offer and we all thought parents with school aged children would take part in the scheme. The challenge we thought was to recruit youth 'helpers'.

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Please see attached pdf for more information.

ACTION: Announcement to recruit youth leaders to go in the newsletter

ACTION: ALL PC to try to recruit youth leaders via known contacts

ACTION: Publicise at 7 January meeting with whole parish

Strategic aims

The PC discussed the aims.

ACTION: Annette to send out the draft aims and ask the PC for comments

Agreed that the 28 November Parish Council meeting will be exclusively an action planning meeting. Follow up actions from this meeting to be done by email.

Any other business

CAFOD fun run will happen from the church hall on 27 December.

Max Ainscough (a parent at St Gregory's school) is going to be the parish champion for the run. He is setting up a facebook page for donations. Hopefully other from parish/school will join him

ACTION: Annette to put an announcement in the newsletter about the Cafod fun run after the Christmas Fair. Jose will provide her with detail - DONE

ACTION: Jose to email school about the children being involved. Katherine mentioned cross-country squad.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting: Tuesday 28 November 7pm – meeting to discuss action plan for the next 1, 3-years in preparation for the parish meeting in January

Closing prayer