



ST LUCY'S PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date of Meeting: 19 April 12

Venue: Chapel House

In attendance

Fr Joe, Veronica Rattray, Eleanor Gardiner, Tony Paton, Billy McAulay, John McKenna, Kate Murphy.

Apologies

Liz Hayes.

Approval of Minutes

The previous Minutes were read and approved

Item

1. Meeting was opened by offering in common the Evening Prayer of the Church.
2. Matters arising
 - ❖ Extra copies of minutes to be published and available for parishioners who have shown interest in seeing them.
 - ❖ Fuller minutes to be prepared for distribution
3. Look back at Holy Week
 - ❖ Easter Vigil – rather chaotic - a pre-meeting with pass-keepers and sacristans is essential to ensure that the beginning of the service starts on time in a calm manner, allowing Fr Joe to prepare himself without having to organise others.
 - ❖ Altar servers to be well prepared and trained well in advance of any and all of the Holy Week Services.
 - ❖ Fire to be lit 10 mins before the vigil is scheduled to begin.
 - ❖ Congregation to be gathered outside around the fire at least 5 mins before the vigil is scheduled to begin, with candles.
 - ❖ Font to be empty and cleaned.
 - ❖ Pascal candle and incense grains prepared and ready, also the tapers for lighting the individual candles.
 - ❖ LARGE BRIGHT TORCH for Fr Joe to read the prayers.
 - ❖ Order of Service.
 - ❖ 70 hosts prepared.
 - ❖ Invitations for parishioners to partake in the washing of the feet service to be prepared are distributed well before Holy Thursday.
4. First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion dates 6th and 20th May – a General discussion ensued with regard to behaviour of the visitors to the Church. Whilst it was agreed that some of the disrespectful behaviour is not to be tolerated, it was also agreed that it is difficult for the Pass-keepers to deal with 'on the day'. Fr Joe has a meeting with the parents on Monday 23rd April and will explain to them then what is expected during the service with regard to appropriate dress and behaviour. Fr will also meet with Jimmy Lyons to discuss the duties of the Pass-keepers.

It is hoped that the children's choir will be available to sing at the services with the exception of the Psalms and Gloria.
Eleanor will meet with Father to discuss other musical input for the Masses.
Veronica will meet with Father to finalise readers for the Masses.

5. Demolition/Reconstruction of the canopy outside the church door.

The committee agreed that the canopy is becoming dangerous and therefore demolition and reconstruction is recommended as the best way forward. It was also suggested that money for any improvements would be better spent inside the church to improve the whole entrance area, starting from 2-3 rows into the rear of the church, redesigning the whole area and perhaps incorporating a small meeting room. The porch is dark at the moment and the notice boards need to be re-positioned to encourage more people to read the notices.

6. Year of Faith - Porta Fidei – For the induction of the year of faith. Fr spent some time explaining the background to the Year of Faith. There are 2 aspects of this, personal journey and growth in faith, understanding what we believe and why; public testimony and commitment and social responsibility. We should endeavour to study Porta Fidei thoroughly in preparation of the year of faith – at Parish level, with a view to enabling the parish as a whole to develop their faith. At the next meeting we will discuss how to take this forward. It was also agreed that we should have further meeting with regard to this out-with the normal PPC meetings.
7. AOCB
 - ❖ Corpus Christi 10th June – preparations for the Altar Servers; the 1st Communion children for the procession; party for the children in the hall, involving some of the parents of the children.
 - ❖ The next meeting for the Readers was arranged for 10th May.
 - ❖ Tuesday 24th April training meeting in the hall on child protection and support for vulnerable people.
8. Meeting was closed with prayers at 9.45

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been arranged for 24 May at 7.00pm in the Chapel House