

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the PPC

15th FEBRUARY 2024

Parish Hall.

OPENING PRAYER

The chairman opened the meeting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

APOLOGIES Fr Tom: John McManus: Eamonn Byrne.

PRESENT: Joe Mc, Elizabeth B, Claire D, Lydia F, Philip S, Joe R, Helma B.

Minutes of the meeting of 25th January were approved and signed by the chairman.

Actions from the Minutes.

The Minutes of meetings will be displayed in the porch and available online when they have been approved and signed by the Chair at the next meeting. If they contain confidential information their accessibility may be delayed.

Joe has attended the last Finance & Building meeting when it was agreed to get quotes for a new website and to spend £1000 maximum. It is hoped to achieve this within 6 months with input from the PPC. It was said that the income from the last year was £96,000 and expenditure £93,000. It was decided that the PPC should try to raise £7000 each year towards new projects but this money has not to be used for the monthly outgoings for example, household bills, salaries etc. It was stated that building a new confessional to be deferred.

Scottish Evening

This was a great success with an Attendance of 70 approx. £500 was raised which became £600 from a donation.

Village Representatives

A list of the villages in the parish was posted on the notice board for parishioners to volunteer to be their village rep. There were not many names on it so the villages were read out and members to cover their village as well as suggesting who lived in some of the other villages. Elizabeth will get in touch with the suggested contacts.

200 CLUB

It had been suggested that a 200 Club could be started, and Joe R will contact the district council to find out the legal position before Easter. Joe Mc said we should apply for a licence to sell alcohol at parish events.

Events for 2004

A list was drawn up at the last meeting and although the month had been decided the date had not. The next event is the Emmaus Walk on 14th April. Parishioners will be asked to take a form from the 24th March and make a donation to the walkers who will pray for them on the way. The route will be same as last year beginning at The Thicket.

LENT TALKS

An announcement of the dates and theme had been made at all Masses. Flyers had been distributed after all Masses.

The speaker Derek Williams wishes to be in the hall from 5pm as he will be giving a remote talk to Romania. Helma will open the hall for him and will get the key from the parish secretary. It was decided to serve refreshments at 7pm to 7.25 before the talk starting at 7.30pm. Joe R said he will be responsible for doing the tea, coffee etc. Joe will bring milk and cake. The parish secretary will give a cheque to Helma to cover the fee and travel expenses. There will be a basket for donations at each talk.

Village contacts

A list had been put into the porch for parishioners to sign up to represent their village or area in St Ives. Members volunteered the villages that they would take on and made suggestions of other parishioners' resident in specific villages. Elizabeth to contact these parishioners before putting the list back in the porch.

Fr. TOM'S DEPARTURE

Fr Tom is leaving the parish on 29th February as announced at all Masses last week.

The parish secretary has said that he will not be celebrating the Masses on 17th/18th February but will be in the parish on 24th/25th before he leaves. It was decided to do a collection for him on the first weekend and present a cash gift on the 25th after 11am Mass.

AGENDA for OPEN MEETING

This will be drawn up by Joe Mc and Eamonn B. Items suggested:

- Financial report from the Treasurer.
- Synopsis of PPC work.
- Opportunity for questions from the floor to ascertain what parishioners want us to do.

As the Parish Priest is responsible for sharing and elucidating the finances and the way forward, Joe M agreed to contact Bishop Peter to ask if we could go ahead with the meeting on 17th March or will it need to be postponed until a new PP arrives.

GROUP REPORTS

No reports were given as it is only 3 weeks since our last meeting. However, Claire D is very concerned that First Confessions were planned for 2nd March. As there is no priest, she was asking for approval to postpone this to after Easter. It is hoped that there will be a permanent priest and the children will get to know him before their First Confession. The First Holy Communion on the 8th June must take place on that date as some of the grandparents who live abroad have made their travel arrangements.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was said that an analysis of car park use should be done as well as costings for resurfacing. Joe will send a spreadsheet from the F&B committee to aid this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING