

ST GEORGE AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
MINUTES OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
ON 10th DECEMBER 2014

Present: Father Graham Smith, Frank McEvoy, Suzanne Halvey, Charlotte Alexander, Chris Wallen, Chris McPhillips, Graham Alcock, and Annabelle Smith

Also present: Val McEvoy (Minutes Secretary)

Frank opened the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies were received from Adrienne Davison, Jill Bryan, Paul Schofield and Bernard Chalk.

Approve minutes of the last PPC meeting held on 22nd October 2014

The minutes of the meeting were agreed and approved.

Matters arising from Action list of 22nd October 2014

- Fr Graham hopes the Befriending Group will be launched very soon with the help of a new parishioner.
- Graham said that a finance presentation will be prepared for all 3 weekend Masses in early March, after ¾ year figures, to encourage parishioners to re-consider their donations for the new financial year.
- Welcome & Registration Pack – a letter has been drafted. Fr Graham to liaise with Tania regarding contents of the pack
- New noticeboard for St. George's – proof has now been agreed and order confirmed for new board.

Approve minutes of AGM held on 17th November 2014

Graham requested that an amendment be made under financial report and it was agreed that the sentence should now read: He reported that the Offertory figure had not increased at all *in year to date* and the Finance Committee

Following this amendment, the minutes were agreed and approved.

Matters arising from AGM of 17th November 2014

- Father Graham said he would review times of Confessions after Advent
- Frank thanked Annabelle for providing copies of the school newsletter for parishioners
- Dave and Graham confirmed that the sound & loop systems had been checked and all working fine. Unfortunately the radio microphone is missing at present.
- Mural of Baptism of Christ will be completed very soon
- Graham said that a parishioner had expressed dislike of having all the PPC members sat at the front of the meeting for the AGM. It was agreed that this may be re-considered for next year.

Receive update on Financial Report for Parish

Graham had prepared an updated financial report which had been circulated to the Council prior to the meeting and this was briefly discussed. Since then £2,297.38 had been received following the very successful joint Parish and School Christmas Fayre, a donation has been received to cover the cost of the new noticeboard for St. George's and Gift Aid refund has been received of £1,250.

Frank thanked Graham for his updated report.

Other items raised by Father Graham

- Befriending Group – Fr Graham said that he hoped that a new parishioner will take this on and he hopes to launch it as a parish Lenten task.
- Graham said he noted that a couple of elderly parishioners arrive by taxi and feels that parishioners living nearby would be willing to help provide transport to Mass.
- Fr Graham said he feels that the parish should consider other ways of providing a Parish Mission for the future, possibly by inviting other Diocesan clergy to speak, such as the Easter talks at Nazareth House which are always well attended. This will be considered for the future.

Other items raised by Annabelle Smith

- Annabelle confirmed that a meeting had been held this evening for the parents of the 38 children who have enrolled for First Holy Communion next May.

Any other business

- Training for readers - Fr Graham agreed to re-contact the person to organise this.
- Coffee mornings – it was noted that the last 2 coffee mornings had not been well supported which could be as a result of the later Mass time. Fr Graham said he would ensure that Mass started promptly at 10.45am with any notices given a few minutes before this.
- Fr Graham confirmed that Christmas Mass will be at 10pm.

Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the PPC is scheduled for Wednesday 11th February 2015 in the school at 7.30pm.

Frank thanked everyone for attending.

Action List

Fr Graham	Befriending Group – speak to new parishioner	
Graham/Finance Committee	¾ year presentation to parishioners – early March	
Fr Graham/Tania	Welcome & Registration pack – decide contents	
Fr Graham	Training for Readers	
Fr Graham	Ensure notices are given in time for Mass to start promptly at 10.45am.	