

Parish Pastoral Council

Committee Meeting

Attendees:

President: Fr Niall Harrington, Fr. Niall

Matt Harris. MHs

Chair: Chris Perry, CP

Clare Hopkins. CH temporary secretary

Vice-Chair Alison Huish AH

Mary Huntington. MH

Kathy Johnston. KJ

Committee in alphabetical order:

Sylvia Lanz. SL

Sue Benjamin. SB

Rosemary Tidmarsh. RT

Kath Gable. KG

Attachments to this set of Minutes are as follows for ease of reference:

A: St Joseph's School Report by AH.

B: Financial figures on fundraising activities : Bazaar and Quiz Night.

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Opening Prayer

1. Apologies received from: Rachael Williams, Steve Gallagher, John Geary, Jenny Sismey & Jacqui Davis.
2. The Minutes of the PPC May meeting were signed and filed. Matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda: none.

3. **Justice & Peace & CAFOD.**

The Live Simply meeting with CP was cancelled. One hopes that the Live Simply Campaign will have an impact on the parish as a whole, an impact on the individuals in the parish and will assist to spread the word in general. The plan is to launch it after June 2014.

4. **Fabric Reports.**

Danbury - no report.

SWF: MHs

Completed the annual chlorination of the church water tank by the First Response Heating Services Ltd. Cost £529.20.

Ongoing issues:

- radiator quotes underway
- meeting room chairs need to be replaced. The idea of buying wooden ones to replace them was not met with approval.
- Fire Marshals - MH to send to MHs an email address for him to progress it.
- The Fabric Committee Secretary has resigned and a new secretary is needed.
- Next meeting 17 June 2014.

5. **Ecumenical Report for Little Baddow and SWF & JCC.**

no report.

6. **Treasurer's Report.** Stephen Gallagher absent.

No report.

7. **Anglican PCC.** Sue Benjamin.

- The Anglican's plan to arrange for Pauline Spratt to give a Live Simply talk to its PPC.
- No Service on 22 June: Edwins Hall for outdoor service instead.
- Bishop John diagnosed with early stages of cancer.
- Vicarage BBQ on Sat 14 June
- 4 children due to receive Holy Communion on Sunday 15 June.

8. **Methodist report.** Jenny Sismey.

no report

9. **Diocesan Representative Report:** Sylvia Lanz.

nothing to report

10. **Liturgy Group.** Sylvia Lanz.

nothing to report

11. Report from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School by Mrs Alison Huish

see Appendix A.

13. Social Committee CP, RT, KJ & JD.

Attached as Appendix B is the financial information for the recent fundraising activities: Summer Bazaar of 7 June and an earlier Quiz night. The Social Committee was congratulated on an excellent amount of money raised for the Parish: over £2000.

Specific points made were:

- a very big thank you was given to everybody who helped in anyway in making the Bazaar run smoothly some named as follows: David Williamson, nearly doubled the ticket sales from the previous weeks; many helpers did not ask for reimbursement; Andy Denny donated his winnings back to the Fete; St. Joseph's School choir gave a marvellous performance; Jenny Tolhurst and Anna Tickle were the judges for the art and baking competitions respectively; Sue Mullins and her team from Move It Dance Studio arranged for their to be a demonstration of ballroom and latin dancing.
- the committee would like it noted that they feel that there was lack of support from the parishioners. The families of the children who sang in the School choir swelled the numbers somewhat, and there wasn't much footfall at all from parishioners in general.
- donations of alcohol, books and DVDs were good, cake stall donations less so and a few baking competition entries. Nearly everyone who helped came from South Woodham, Cold Norton, Maldon, Bicknacre & Heybridge.
- It was very hard work for everybody, and after the terrible thunder storm the weather was kind in the end.
- The committee will be meeting soon to discuss the Bazaar and any future events.

This Report precipitated a discussion. The Social sub-Committee view did not appear to be a whole Council view.

It was pointed out that the Danbury Jumble Sales are always well attended. This prompted a discussion about the geography of the Parish as a whole which has two centres: the Ecumenical Church, Presbytery and school in SWF and the Church in Danbury. Holding events at one venue - is this an issue to address in the future? Events in Danbury village to be a consideration.

It was agreed that the Council takes forward the discussion as to why it does not appear to be a 'joined' Parish. To this end AH suggested an on-line survey to obtain suggestions of how to join the parishes.

14. Presbytery Report John Geary absent.

Treasurer has agreed a budget for a replacement kitchen.

15. AOB.

- Fr Niall's 38 year anniversary of Ordination is approaching.
- Ecumenical links for Live Simply very positive.
- Bishop Ordination is 1 July - lottery for two tickets for this parish.
- Next Council meeting 14 July Danbury at 7.30 pm for a short meeting followed by a drinks and small buffet. Partners of Council members welcome.

16. **100 Club.** Kath Gable asked that the fresh winners were selected by drawing from the bag. The winners would be announced in the Newsletter. Now, there are 100 members.

The Meeting ended at 9.00 pm.

Closing Prayer.