

Sacred Heart and St Antony's Joint Parishes Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting
Sunday 1st June 2014

Present: Sacred Heart

Mgr Bernard Massey, Christine Cronin, Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Fiona McDonald, Chris Menzies (Chair), Jacek Miotla, Gill Preisner, Frank Tothill.

St Antony's, Henbury

Petronella Mason, Bernard Thomas.

1 Opening prayer

Mgr Bernard opened the meeting with prayers.

2 Welcome

Fiona McDonald was welcomed as a new member and Petronella Mason was welcomed back.

3 Apologies for absence

Sue King.

4 Appointment of Chair and Secretary

Chair: Frank Tothill expressed his wish to stand down as Chair. Chris Menzies was duly elected having been proposed by David Gabriel and seconded by all present.

Secretary: Jane Dyer expressed her willingness to continue as Secretary. Proposed by Jacek Miotla and seconded by David Gabriel.

5 Feedback from AGM – 13th April 2014

- Attendance had been low with just 36 parishioners.
- An excellent tea had been provided – thanks to Jon Wilson.
- The booklet containing reports from various Parish groups had been well received – an excellent idea.
- It was noted that information from these reports had been used to update the website.
- Although the financial matters had been dealt with efficiently, there had been some confusion over the figures – it was agreed there needs to be more clarification.

This matter to be brought up prior to next year's AGM

Replying to a question, Mgr Bernard stated that there was no move to amalgamate the two parishes financially as this would mean merging the two parishes into one Parish (under a new name) with two Mass centres, and would have implications within Canon Law.

Mgr Bernard advised that St Antony's debt is being reduced by the rental of the house: also that the alterations have been carried out at St Antony's (see Minutes of the AGM).

Regarding the Offertory envelopes, Mgr Bernard advised that it was cheaper to have one set with both names on than two separate sets.

6 Minutes of the previous Meeting held 16th March 2014

These were accepted and signed as a true record.

7 Matters arising

a) Reports from Parish Committees

Finance & Fabric

- This group had met on 9th May – the next meeting is scheduled for 11th July.
- Quotes are in hand to replace the guttering on the car park side of the Sacred Heart Church.
- The manhole cover at the entrance to the Sacred Heart car park has been repaired.

- The sewerage problem at St Antony's had been sorted out.

Catechetical

- This group had not held a further meeting – new date to be set.

Liturgy

- This group would be meeting on 4th June; the following were noted:
- There had been a mixed reaction to the dramatised recording of the Passion on Palm Sunday.
- The notice regarding sick Parishioners was being inserted in the Newsletter regularly.
- Parish 'Bible Study' should come under the remit of the Catechetical Committee.
- A Retreat Day had been held for the Confirmation Candidates at Brownhill.

Social

- A Parish Family Day was planned for Sunday 29th June – notice had been inserted in the Newsletter.
- Cheese and Wine get-together in the Presbytery after the Celebration Mass on 27th June (see Item 8 below). Action: Gill

b) Recruitment of Altar Servers/Readers/Eucharistic Ministers/Little Church Helpers

- 12 new Eucharistic Ministers had been recruited – some of these had already been given training.
- An aide memoire to be prepared for all Eucharistic Ministers. Action: Mgr Bernard
- It was hoped to recruit Altar Servers from the First Holy Communion group.
- Training for Readers was in hand.

c) Inventories for both Churches and Halls

- An inventory for the Sacred Heart was in hand.
- Inventories for both churches would be written as well as photographic.

d) Parishioner Data for both Churches

- A program for storing parishioner data has been purchased.
- Data will be obtained by means of a form to be completed by parishioners.
- Data will be input during the summer 2014.

8 Future Programme

Sacred Heart Church 75th Anniversary

- Little Church had already started making decorations for the church.
- A resume of events from the Golden Jubilee celebrations was given.
- Agreed to commence celebrations with Mass on 27th June (Feast of the Sacred Heart) at 7.00 pm followed by Wine and Cheese in the Presbytery – notice to be put in the Newsletter. Action: Jane
- A 75th Anniversary Sub-Committee to be formed – members to be Mgr Bernard, Jo, Fiona, Gill and Jane: the first meeting to be held as soon as possible. Action: Jane

9 Any Other Business

Memorial Garden

Ideas for a Memorial Garden at the Sacred Heart Church were discussed, in particular having a 'Living Wall' (a newspaper cutting detailing the one at Bristol University was handed out). It was agreed that the Fabric and Finance Committee should look at options for a Memorial Garden in general taking into account sizes, spaces, cost etc. Action: F & F Committee

St Antony's Summer Draw

Bernard Thomas outlined the arrangements for the Summer Draw to be held on 6th July after 6.00 pm Mass at St Antony's Hall.

Second Collections

It was noted that reminders for Second Collections need to be inserted in the Newsletter the week beforehand.

10 Date of Next Meetings

Sunday 27th July 2014 and Sunday 21st September 2014 at 7.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Presbytery.

11 Closing Prayer

Mgr Bernard closed the meeting with prayers including the Our Father.