

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Sunday 4th December 2011

Present: Canon Bernard Massey, Jane Dyer (Minutes), David Gabriel, Roger Mason, Chris Menzies, Jacek Miotla, Jake Preisner, Gill Preisner, Terry Quadling, Frank Tohill (Chair)

1 Opening Prayer

Canon Bernard opened the meeting with prayers.

2 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

3 Welcome to New Members

Canon Bernard welcomed the 4 new members to the Council – it was agreed that other parishioners be co-opted onto working parties as necessary.

4 Election of Chair

Frank Tohill was proposed by Canon Bernard and elected unanimously. It was agreed that the post of Chair should be for 2 or 3 years maximum.

5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held Sunday 13th November 2011 were accepted.

6 Matters arising

CRB checks

It was noted that Eucharistic Ministers taking Communion to elderly, sick and housebound parishioners should be CRB checked; Canon Bernard to contact Grainne Stables regarding the current situation. **Action: Canon Bernard**

It was noted that Grainne would be stepping down as Parish Safeguarding Representative after Christmas; a notice would be inserted in the Newsletter in the New Year asking for a replacement. **Action: Canon Bernard**

7 Annual General Meeting (20th November 2011)

It was agreed that:

- a) this had been very successful with a good turnout of parishioners.
- b) information relating to financial matters be made available in advance of the AGM so that parishioners can have the opportunity to prepare questions.

Priorities for 2012

Support for Newman Hall Club (parish social club?)

As PPC members were not fully aware of the activities and facilities of the Club, it was decided to invite Kelvin O'Shea (Chair of the Club) to attend the next PPC meeting on 15th January in order to progress matters. While agreeing that this would not be a priority for 2012, the PPC felt it important to give the Club support. **Action: Jane/Frank**

Support for CAFOD – Food Bank Scheme – SVP

- CAFOD: David Gabriel reported that the CAFOD Working Party was active – he would like to encourage more people to join – more awareness for Connect2Cambodia was needed. Fund raising would be active during Lent 2012.
- Food Bank Scheme: Canon Bernard would like to launch this scheme early in the New Year – it was hoped this would become a regular event.
- SVP: Unfortunately this is not really active at present and so it was agreed not to adopt this as a priority at this time.

Spiritual Development of the Parish: CaFE Saints course – Parish Pilgrimage

- CaFE Saints course
It was agreed to run this 6 week course during Lent 2012 commencing Ash Wednesday (22nd February) – and maybe another course later in the year. Canon Bernard agreed to order the DVDs.
Action: Canon Bernard
- Parish Pilgrimage
PPC members to bring suggestions to the next meeting – UK/abroad and for how long. **Action:**
All PPC members
- It was noted that:
 - a) the present course ‘Diary of God’ would finish at the end of January;
 - b) there would be a Lent 2012 ecumenical course run by the Henleaze churches.
- Canon Bernard would be producing a diary for parishioners outlining activities for Lent 2012.
Action: Canon Bernard

Continuing Relationship with St Antony’s

- It was agreed to invite St Antony’s to join our Lent programmes – Canon Bernard to contact Fr Walsh.
Action: Canon Bernard

Support for Young People of the Parish

- Post Confirmation Group
Confirmation classes would be starting in January 2012 with Confirmation on May 31st – it was agreed that the candidates should be asked how they would like to progress as a group post Confirmation.
- Post 1st Holy Communion Group
It was noted that this CLOW group is running successfully – also that more young people have joined as welcomers and altar servers. Canon Bernard advised that 1st Holy Communion in 2012 would be held on a Saturday.

Other AGM Topics

Book of Remembrance

Canon Bernard advised that the new Book of Remembrance would shortly be in operation.

Sick List

Canon Bernard advised that the list of those parishioners who are sick is now to be found in the Narthex.

8 Advent

- There will not be a Penitential Service at the Sacred Heart – there is one at the Cathedral on 14th December.
- There will not be a Christingle Service at the Sacred Heart this year – there is an ecumenical Carol Singing Walk organised by the CTWA.
- There will be a Service of Readings and Carols at the Sacred Heart on 18th December followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Presbytery.
- Christmas Mass times have been printed in the Newsletter.

9 Any Other Business

- Pat Murrell will be stepping down as Treasurer of the Newman Hall in January 2012 – a notice would be put in the Newsletter in the New Year asking for a replacement.
- The new Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned shortly.
- A training course for Readers will be run in the New Year.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Sunday, January 15th, at 7.30 pm.

11 Closing Prayer

Canon Bernard closed the meeting with prayers.