

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Thursday 12th August 2010

PRESENT: Fr. Robert John Ballard Kathy Pope
 June Blakemore Ann Bassett Sarah Down

OPENING PRAYER

1. **APOLOGIES:** Deacon John, Sharon Mileham, Linda Nolan, Tom Regan, George and Mary Phillips.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** John Ballard mentioned that Richard Bryant thanked FOSTAH on behalf of St. Petroc's rather than thanking St. Petroc's on behalf of FOSTAH! Otherwise the minutes were approved as an accurate record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:** Ann Bassett reported that the disabled ramp was difficult to lift off the ground if it needed to be moved and it was agreed to get finger holes drilled into the sides to solve the problem.

Ann also raised the difficulty that arose on Sea Sunday when there were too many requests for different causes at one time. Fr. Robert reminded the PCG that there were fixed dates for a certain number of mandatory collections during the year, including the Apostleship of the Sea, and this sometimes made it difficult to co-ordinate other needs of the parish. He also emphasised that it was the policy of the parish not to aggressively push collections, selling tickets and other fund-raising initiatives.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**
John Ballard reported that there had been a letter from the Diocese with a favourable response to the request for a grant for STAK and that the request would be on the agenda for the next meeting of the Diocesan Trustees in September.

5. **JUSTICE & PEACE REPORT**
John Ballard reported that Justice and Peace did not meet in August. He mentioned the **Connect 2** initiative and suggested that a full discussion should be deferred until September as there were so few PCG members present. It was however agreed that there should be a display in the Narthex and that the Parish would be asked to make their choices known the following week.

6. **REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE**
Fr. Robert reported that two tenders have been received for the renewal of the church's heating system. He suggested that the PCG should endorse the Heating Committee's recommendation. It will cost more than previously thought and Fr. Robert emphasised that although he was happy for half the cost to be met out of the parishes current reserves, the rest would need to be met by fundraising and donations specifically for the heating fund. John Ballard reported that the parish had had the unexpected expense of replacing the loop system's transmitting equipment at a cost of £568.71.

7. **DEANERY MATTERS**
There is no Deanery Forum meeting until September which will be attended by Pat Kotwinski. There is a bit of a hiatus with the functioning of the Deanery Forums at the moment as the role of the body they feed into, the Diocesan Pastoral Council, is being reviewed.

8. SOCIAL GROUP REPORT

John gave an update on progress with regards to the Feast day preparations. A provisional programme has been sent out with the newsletter, raffle ticket money is steadily being returned to Parish Office, the Music Group is providing cheese and wine after the dramatised reading of Esther on Friday of Feast week, the PCG is responsible for providing brunch after the Feast Day Mass on Saturday and CWL are co-ordinating the Parish Lunch on Sunday. John mentioned that Sharon would like someone in the kitchen who 'knew the ropes' for the PCG brunch and that also someone would need to be responsible for purchasing the bacon and rolls etc. It was suggested that Angela's advice should be sought in relation to amounts. It will be funded by a plate for donations. No definite volunteers as yet! The PCG are grateful to the Fund-raising group for all their work in organising the Feast day celebrations.

9. ECUMENICAL MATTERS

Kathy Pope reported that the Par Churches Together Beach Service was a success. She is going to the Inter Church Families Conference in Swanick in September and will report back to the PCG at the next meeting.

Bibles for Schools: The proposed initiative of 'Churches Together in St. Austell' to provide Bibles for all children commencing their Primary School education was discussed. It was felt that there might be difficulty in sustaining this initiative on a yearly basis. The PCG questioned whether it would be the most effective way of using what would be a sizable financial outlay. Although, for some families, the gift of a Bible might open a door to exploring faith, spending those resources in financing representatives to go into schools might be a more effective way of giving the 'gospel' to children. Anxiety was also expressed that the gift of Bibles should be offered not imposed, recognising and having sensitivity to children of other faiths who might be placed in a position of being excluded. However it was acknowledged that, as a member church of CTSA which has already decided to provide the Bibles, St. Augustine's needs to support the initiative in some measure. It was agreed that when there was a suitable space in our fund-raising calendar, parishioners would be gently given the opportunity to donate a Bible.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Banner for Hyde Park: Because of constraints of time, the lettering for the banner is going to be screen printed. It was agreed that the parish would bear the cost of this.

The Meeting closed with prayer.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9th September 2010

