

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Thursday 14th July 2011

PRESENT: Deacon John Sanders John Ballard Tom Regan
George Phillips Ann Bassett Kathy Pope
Linda Nolan

1. **APOLOGIES:** June Blakemore, Sarah Down and Mary Phillips.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- **Music & Banner Cupboard:** The Cupboard has been tidied up. John Ballard has fitted suitable hooks to the wall to enable Banners to be hung and easily accessed. George Phillips arranged for the Music Group to tidy up their area. Two guitars are still in the cupboard. George will look into their removal.
- **The Prize Bingo** was successful and raised £163. Hilary has offered to organize another similar event. It was agreed that another session can be organized after which it will be reviewed for the future. A suitable date is to be arranged in the Parish Diary.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **CWL** request for Good Clothes Sale on 6th July. Agreed
- **CWL** request for Cream Tea for the Children's Hospice on 20th August 2.30p.m - 5p.m. Agreed
- **CWL** Cheese and Wine Auction possibly end of September. A suitable date to be agreed in the Parish Diary.
- **Voskresenije Choir of St. Petersburg.** Offering to hold a Concert in October. We had a similar request on a previous occasion. More information to be obtained about the Choir. Action Deacon John Sanders and Sarah Down.

5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE:**

John Ballard reported about the urgent Cafod appeal for East Africa as mentioned in the J&P minutes of 7.7.11. J&P request to have an appeal collection next week or the week after. It was recommended that this should be held off at present as we have to be careful of our present Parish costs, last week we had a collection for the AOS and the previous week for Fr. Paul who recently left the parish. In discussion it was suggested that it should be delayed for two to three weeks. We shall then be in the holiday period and anticipate that addition holidaymakers in the Parish will help increase our appeal.

John said the two large Display Boards in the Narthex are very difficult to move by one person in order to rearrange displays. The small moveable Display Boards are too small to give sufficient information.

George Phillips offered to look into putting locking wheels on the large Display Boards in order to make them more manageable. Action GP

It was decided to review the present situation regarding Notice Boards, with consideration to regularity of use, weight, size, storage and availability. Action JS/JB/TR/A Alderman

6. **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE**

The Gutters and Windows have been cleaned. It is intended that these will be cleaned twice a year in Autumn and Spring.

The new Heating System is working efficiently. A Heating maintenance programme will be set up for the Church and Presbytery. Action JS/TR

On a number of occasions the Toilet lights in the Church have been left on. The possibility of having automatic time switches fitted is to be considered. It was also suggested that fitting low energy bulbs, if suitable, may help to reduce cost. Action TR

7. SOCIAL MATTERS

John Ballard suggested that, as we have no Parish Priest at present, we should try to keep the Social Life of the Parish active.

The Feast Day of the Parish is 28th August. Due to the poor response at some events in the past the following were suggested:

After the 6.30p.m. Mass on Saturday, a Cheese and Wine Evening with the support of the Music Group. Action GP to discuss with the Music Group

After the 8.30a.m. Mass on Sunday, a Celebration Breakfast. Action JB to discuss with PK

After the 10.30a.m. Mass on Sunday, Tea and Coffee as normal.

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS

John Ballard reported that the Hope Newspaper will cease to be published after the next edition.

The Beach Service will take place (will Sarah put details here please)

Interfaith Autumn Event (will Sarah put details here please. Kathy to contact Sarah)

The meeting closed with prayer.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th August 1011