

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD ST GEORGES CHURCH ON
TUESDAY 14th January 2014**

Present: Fr Mike, Linda Wainwright (Churchwarden), Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Candy Williams (Deanary Synod), Sonja Barrand,,Colin Monk, Lynne McNeill, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Lynne, Carol

ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:**
Abi , Geoff, Marian , Tony , Rachel and Jane

Fr Mike welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting**
 - A reminder was given L.Wainwright's name was spelt Linda rather than Lynda.
 - Date of typed minutes changed to correct 9th Dec 2013 rather than 23rd Sept 2013.
 - Apologies were not noted on minutes from Carol- but were given prior to 9th Dec 2013 meeting.

3. **Matters Arising**
 - The church computer is now up and running and in use
 - Thanks expressed for all the efforts of Sunday school staff and helpers for the success of the nativity play.
 - No response letter was sent from Dick Handy and Linda Wainwright regarding the 'correction' given for the replacement donations box. – it was agreed Fr Mikes prompt response was sufficient as well as the thanks expressed in the newspaper.
 - Suggestion made by B.Lloyd - that a response from a child in the parish i.e. Martin may be an appropriate gesture if the donators address can be found.

4. **Church Finances**
 - a) **Treasurer's Report**
 - Donations include £500 legacy from Pat Palmer and a further £200 towards the book of readings.
 - Fundraising includes
 - £53 Parish Breakfast
 - £1517.53 bazaar takings including donations
 - £176 bulb sales
 - £100 bonus ball
 - £30 holly sales
 - £559.62 100 club
 - £14 Smarties
 - £300 Friday coffee morning
 - £130 has been donated to the tower fund

£260.70 received as investment interest

b) Expenditure

Parish Share has been paid in full again this year.

Admin includes the cost of the new computer and the paper cupboards amounting to £712.92.

Liturgical costs includes £138.90 for the candle covers on the altar rail and £43.50 for the Christingle oranges .

c) Gift Aid- Report

Quarter four has gained £2396.87 in gift aid earnings

With £382.87 coming from charity shop sales.

It was clarified gift aid earnings can only be made on cash only donations and nothing over a £20 note.

Dawn plans to confirm if this criteria for gift aid is being met.

d) Finance Misc

In regards to stewardship Dick clarified the church is £3,500 up from fundraising , these proceeds were mainly achieved from the shop. But it must be noted planned giving is down in comparison to the last 4 years , and specifically £2.500 down in planned giving in comparison to 2012.

Dawn

Linda Wainwright indicated amendments needed to be made to the budget in reference to allotted Parish Administrator payment. Which will be £2,520 – 7hr p/w @ £8 p/h

This will need to be added to the agreed budget.

Dawn

Charities Treasurer's Report

Lynne reported the following funds were raised :-

Philippines £475

Naomi House £184

Children's Society £212

Rowans £66

Hannah's Holiday Home £17

Coffee mornings £50

It was also confirmed , proceeds from the Rowans race night have been banked

c) Fabric and Finance Committee Report

- Fabric and Finance committee yet to have met
- Quinquennial inspection to take place Friday 17th at 10am – where Dick will be present.

5. **Hall Committee**

Colin reported:-

It was reported there have been some issues with hirers and discussions have taken place about charges made.

The heating issues are advised to be resolved soon.

An advert has now been placed on the Hants Hall website and the hall now has day vacancies Monday AM and early afternoons as well as other day vacancies throughout the week.

If anyone is aware of anybody interested or in need of day bookings they can speak with Colin.

6. **Pastoral Committee**

Yet to have met- next meeting 21/01/2013

7. **Stewardship Programme**

Dick reported the format for this programme will focus on 3 weeks of lent with each week having a theme

1) Service based talents

Examples :- serving, choir, sides people etc

2) Support based talents

Examples:- Church maintenance , Technical support, lifting and moving, cleaning etc

3) Financial aspect

Focus on giving:- based on each person on the electoral role giving £1 per week .

It costs £8000 more to run the church now than in comparison to 2010- if each person on the electoral role gave £1pw £8080 would be achieved.

- All other Sundays in Lent will have more traditional lent focus alongside the stewardship programme
- A booklet will be given to all electoral members instead of letters used in the past, more pictorial representations will be used in order to make the booklet more relatable in relation to relevant tasks.
- There will be another stewardship meeting 24/01/2014
- It has been noted there have been complaints in previous years about stewardship campaigns and it is understood that some 'tweaking' is needed to avoid too much disruption.
- Part of this will be a change in name with a 'two prong' approach about what the church gives and what somebody can give back.
- Mike clarified there will be a formal lent programme available to all alongside this campaign.

- The Disceon DVD will be shared with the congregation before Lent starts as precursor to the stewardship programme. This is to highlight it is not only the PCC talking about money but also the diocese.
- The £53,000 shown on the DVD explains where a large part of budget goes towards.
- In addition to this campaign a stronger focus on standing order donations will be encouraged.
- L.Sheffield has volunteered to visit/talk to new members attending the church about the giving scheme and explain what it is and many may not be aware.
- It was raised in the meeting whether a stewardship programme pack should be made available for Sunday school and team Ascalon members – using just a highlighted version and would be deemed appealing to young members of the parish because they would be involved in what could be seen as originally an adult only involved activity and could subsequently encourage their parents to reflect on their giving.
- It was agreed a talk would be given to Sunday school about giving as well as a focus during Team Ascalon at least one session during lent where the theme would be stewardship.

8. Parochial fee- approval

- Mike Sheffield explained the fees need to be passed by the PCC – even though they are already in place.
- The fees for 2014 have increased from £780 to £820 .As an increase of £40 for weddings
- Funeral costs have increased from £260 to £264
- Cremation fees have also increased by £4.00
- With the new Southdown's natural burial site transport costs have increased by £20 when originally £10.
- There has been no increase of PCC fees.
- It was stated a preference was made towards smaller consistent increase in fees rather than 'big jumps'
- Organist fees were requested to be kept the same.
- Colin Monk proposed the use of the church should be increased to £102
- It was agreed the use of the church will be increased by £5 in 2015.
- It was clarified that a lot of figures set for fees are set outside St Georges control.
- Listed fees approved by Colin Monk and seconded by Dick Handy.

9. Electoral Role

- Original numbers 143 on electoral role has increased to 155

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PCC events approval

- Three processions
- Walsingham visit
- Waterlooville music festival
- Burns night
- Sedar meal

Clarified that any social events can be added to an agenda as a when required for approval.

In particular the Team Ascalon programme will need to be added and approved as well as the St Georges Men groups and Tweenies events.

All programmes for groups to be minuted and accepted by PCC.

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Deanery Synod

Meeting yet to have been held

Social and fundraising committees

No update given

12.

Next PCC meeting

Wednesday February 12th 2014
8pm-9.30pm St Georges Church Waterlooville