

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2009**

Present: Fr Mike, Fr Timon (Assistant Curate), Margaret Symonds (Churchwarden), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), David Hodgens, Leon Bartosiak, Colin Monk (Chair, Church Hall Committee), Tony Rice-Oxley, Julia Spurgeon, Linda Wainwright (Deanery Synod), Lindsay Chalk (Deanery Synod), David Cavey, Carol McKells (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**
Denise Rosser, Dick Handy, Mabel Maginn, David Palmer

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 19th January 2009**
The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**
None

Kairos Video

The meeting started early so that the PCC could watch a Kairos video. Discussion took place afterwards and it was felt that we would be reluctant to set up a Kairos group when our priority in the next few years will be finding the £50K needed to sort out all the items pointed out at the Quinquennial and also the issues on the future of the hall.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Incoming Funds

The First report for 2009 shows a good start to donations, including £15 from Phoenix Cards/Jules Shepherd, £100 from the new Bonus Ball club, £500 from Friday Coffee/Social & Fundraising Committee and £17.94 from T-Plus/Utilities Warehouse. Sales shows £75 from plant sales and fees to PCC includes £100 for marriage deposit. Ex-ord in shows £587.61 insurance cheque relating to the recent claim for window repair.

Outgoing Funds

Clergy Expenses are a little high due to a quarterly payment to BT. Church insurance is slightly higher than budget figure. Admin includes a £79 payment which is the yearly membership fee to the Royal School of Church Music. Utilities include £109.53 to Southern Electric being their final bill before the service is taken over by Utilities Warehouse. Bulletin is showing on the report in lieu of Edwards' kind offer to fund this. Photocopier expenses shows the first quarterly payment for 2009.

Ex-ord out shows part of the payment made to Sunrise Stained Glass, for the window repairs and also paid out from Church Maintenance was the PCC contribution of £100, to cover the excess portion. Finally, Church Maintenance also shows £202 again to Sunrise Stained Glass being an outstanding bill going back to 2006 and also £55 for mower repairs.

The 2008 Accounts have been printed and Gordon Beer collected them tonight.

Tony says he would like to see fundraising shown separately and not under donations. He would also like to go through the various licenses

Carol
Tony

and see whether we need them all and put this on the agenda for the meeting after next. David H. said that our investments have made a paper loss of £16,930.

5. **Committee Reports**

a) Fabric and Finance

Meeting next Tuesday 24th February.

b) Quinquennial

Didn't hold a Standing Committee meeting on Sunday in the end. Tony has sent out an action list and actioned people to do jobs and no-one has replied to him. If anyone has problems please let him know. Tony has had a quote for scaffolding for the tower which will be in the region of £5K and will be up for 3 months in order that we can get 3 quotes and get the work done. Colin wondered whether we could get a cherry picker to do the job. Tony said the recent leaks were due to the wind blowing in a different direction and might not happen again for another 10 years. Tony said we might have to borrow from the Diocese on a very low interest rate until our shares improve but would need to find out whether they are lending at the moment.

c) 40th Anniversary

Fr Mike, Margaret, Dick, Candy, Dawn H, Sandra and Jane are meeting on Monday 2nd March at 7.30 pm at The Vicarage. Anyone else who would like to come is very welcome.

d) Pastoral

The minutes were circulated to everyone before the PCC meeting. Julia said Dick has not spoken to her about the Taize service yet. Carol said that we are up over £30 each week since the bag collection started. Pink envelopes and pens need to go at the end of pews. Tony said there have been grumblings from some people about the Sunday School sitting in the front pews but the feeling was that this would settle down when people get used to it. It was suggested that TS Active and other groups be invited to attend a service once a month.

e) Hall

The minutes were circulated to everyone before the PCC meeting. Colin said if they hadn't lent £4K to the PCC their excess would have been £3K. Have had no major costs during the year. Ticking along nicely and will check at the end of the year. Colin said he had received a phone call from Fiona Ross advising him that Gwen Cottingham came off her scooter outside the hall and ended up in hospital but is OK. Richard said that it may not have been the official ramp for the disabled that she used. There are still ongoing problems with the heaters being left on. Colin is investigating getting a push button timer installed for the water heaters. He had also returned to the hall the previous Sunday for the twinning AGM and the door was all in darkness and the door had been left pinned wide open.

f) Fundraising

Not met.

g) Social

Minutes have already been circulated.

h) Deanery Synod

Meeting next week.

6. **Charities for 2009**

A report has already been sent round to everyone before the meeting with the names of the charities to be supported this year. Fr Mike

Dick/Julia

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pointed out that some occasional days have been added this year. The PCC agreed this unanimously.

7. **Future of St George's Youth Club – Meeting 3rd February**
Tony didn't think there had been a great deal of support. Several people offered to go on the rota to do tuck etc but no-one came forward to lead. Discussion followed about contacting Ben Mizen to see if he knows of anyone who is finishing a degree and wants some experience with children or the option of employing a leader which would be expensive. Fr Timon then offered to help and take over leadership for one Friday a month. He will liaise with Tony over this. Tony/Fr Timon
8. **Lay Assistants**
Fr Mike said he is still working on this and will produce a list next time. Fr Mike
9. **Parish Contact Person for Disability Issues**
Fr Mike said we need to appoint a Parish contact person for Disability Issues. No-one came forward from the PCC so Fr Mike will put a note in the Bulletin to see if anyone from the congregation comes forward. Fr Mike
10. **Charity Status Registration**
Tony attended this meeting. Carol was ill so was unable to attend. If the Church's income is over £100K a year we must register for Charity Status. In 2007 it was only £99,900. Lots of churches will be registering this year so Tony suggests we wait until next year. PCC members become the trustees and names and addresses will need to be provided to the Charity Commission. We would need one person on the PCC to be the responsible person (not the Treasurer) to make sure everyone signs up and this has to be done online.
11. **Correspondence**
An e-mail was circulated to everyone before the meeting advising that Leon has lost the two keys to the back door to the Church and the key to operate the raising and lowering of the flag on a bus. There is no tag on them and nothing to say where they come from so after discussion it was decided that it was very low risk and we would not go to the expense of changing the locks. A vote took place – majority of PCC were in agreement not to change the lock, one against.
12. **Date of Next Meeting**
The next meeting will be held on **Monday 23rd March** following the **7.30 pm** Eucharist to approve the accounts.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.