

MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ON MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2014

Present: Fr Mike, Rosy Stone (Churchwarden), Sonja Barrand, Marian Haughton, Tony Rice-Oxley, John Hood, Lynne McNeill (Minutes), Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Candy Williams

ACTION

Fr Mike thanked everyone for coming and Lynne for taking the Minutes in Jane's absence.

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Elaine Shimbart, Jane Cook, Linda Wainwright, Colin Monk.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 9th July**

Amendment on page 2 – change “Linda wondered” to “Linda has received a suggestion from a congregation member as to” whether etc.

The minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record.

Jane

3. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

4. **a) Treasurer's Report**

Dawn gave the following report:

Income

- We received £2,330.49 in respect of gift aid tax
- £34.86 in donations was from baptisms
- £87.19 of Liturgical donations was from votive sales
- fundraising is made up of £100 bonusball and £4 plant sales

Expenditure

- £250 was paid to Stella this month which relates to August as agreed by PCC in July. The standing order has now been cancelled.
- Church maintenance includes £336 for the lightning conductor maintenance, £21.49 for light bulbs and padlocks and £14.58 for rat traps and bait.
- £128 was paid out to Mark Langtry for fees covering the organ being played due to Stella's illness.
- Extraordinary outgoing was regarding the faculty for the organ refurbishment and the initial payment to Griffiths and Co is included within extraordinary repairs.

In general our income is below budget but due to us being careful the expenditure at the moment is coming in under budget.

b) Charity Treasurer's Report

Lynne reported that for the retiring collection for July £109.32 had been received and for August £57.15 for the National Migraine Centre and £323.09 for the ChristianAid Gaza Appeal.

c) F&F & Quinquennial Report

Father Mike reported that the F&F Committee had met on 5th August and enquired whether there were any questions or comments. Tony responded that there has been quite a bit going on. The steps have been done and Dawn has the bill to pay - £700, which should be

divided between the hall and the church. The concrete ramp will be completed shortly at a cost of just over £900. There has been a slight confusion with Mr Lympny, the contractor, regarding the flat roof. The PCC had approved the go-ahead during last month's meeting. The PCC approved the cost of the roof at £987, this was proposed by Tony and seconded by Dawn. Insurance forms need to be completed. The amount is under £1000 and he was waiting for us to give the go ahead and Tony has asked him to come back to us with a start date. There is no need for any special insurance.

The walk round inside has been done, the outside will be done on 5th October, when Linda returns from holiday.

A discussion followed regarding the rat problem. As there has been no success using the traps placed by the Council, Tony has had a meeting with another man today and for a budget of £200 he can use special bait boxes and the PCC agreed to this. The council has been informed and will remove their traps. We have received so many complaints but can now tell people that the PCC has it in hand. Tony added that Rentokil would cost £2,500.

Tony gave a huge thanks to John Hood for his time and to Glyn Ross for all his hard work in the church grounds which look really neat and tidy.

There will be an extended walk around on 5th October.

d) Pew Cushions and Kneelers

Dawn showed samples of the foam and explained that there are three choices, Luxury, Deluxe and Reconstituted, the latter being the most expensive. After discussion it was agreed to go for the best quality as these would last longer. The total cost, including foam material for 14 long pews and 14 short pews would be £3,723.17. Dawn also showed colour samples and it was decided to choose bijoux red. Barbie asked whether we should offer the old ones to St Albans but it was decided not to. It was agreed that Ruth Loveman, who made the existing cushions, should be invited to the service to dedicate the new ones. Approval for the order to go ahead was agreed, proposed by Tony and seconded by Rosy.

5.

Pastoral Committee Report

Barbie is getting holders made for the prayer book markers and Candy will bring samples to the next meeting.

Barbie reported that that she has not had all the money in for the Food Bank Bishop's Lent Appeal but was bowled over to receive a cheque for £1,200.

As Sonja hadn't been well the welcome packs for volunteers are not yet ready.

Rosy reported that she had had a meeting with Bob Raley, Reader at St John's, Rowlands Castle and will be talking about this at the next Pastoral meeting.

With regards to transport Rosy said that the position has not changed. 23rd November is next the parish breakfast.

We had a good Sunday School meeting.

Candy

Tony said that he had been disappointed that the Sunday School hadn't started back until it did, i.e. a week after the schools went back. There were 20 children in church and he had received comments about it. Barbie explained that this was due to having to hold a meeting with the team leaders. Father Mike said we need to make a note so that it doesn't happen again next year.

6. **Hall Committee Report**
Not met since June.

Other Committee Reports

7. a) **Social**

Tony reported that the committee had met and that he was disappointed that no additional volunteers had come forward. The committee is getting too small and there is a need for 2 or 3 younger people as all the work is being done by the same 5 people at the moment. Tony concluded that a kick start is needed to attract more people onto the committee.

- b) **Fundraising**

The car treasure hunt has been cancelled due to lack of interest and only 5 people turned up for the Parish Ramble which was in aid of Historic Churches. The evening Harvest Festival meal has also been cancelled and Father Mike proposed it should be held on the Sunday at lunchtime. There is no Burns Night supper in January but this may be replaced by a French evening but this is in question.

8. **Deanery Synod**
Met last week but Barbie did not attend.

9. **Diocesan Budget Consultation**
Met on 8th September. Very little finance, 0% budget recommended with no further comment. The Diocesan budget was agreed and Rosy reported that she had sent off the return.

The projected figures for budget increases are as follows:-

2016 2%: 2017 2.5%: 2018 2.5%

There were 100 people at the meeting and various achievements by parishes outlined but as before we do many of the things but don't shout about them – i.e. PCC have subgroups – something we have done for years.

In 2015 new parish giving scheme for Direct Debit will automatically recover gift aid and pay back to church monthly within a few days of Direct Debit payment. Care admin input to be anonymous. We should thank our givers. Wills legacies will be promoted next year. A discussion took place regarding Average Weekly Attendance and Tony will check whether it has increased from 117 to 120 as it rarely goes up.

Tony

10. **Havant Deanery Review**
It was reported that the Archdeacon has carried out a review and as far as St Georges is concerned there is no change. In view of its size there is a possibility that Havant will be split into two deaneries.

Father Mike reported that the Standing Order for Stella had come to an end and we are now paying Mark Langtry £32 and Paul Taylor

£25 As of now Mark will also be taking choir practice. It was questioned that if in the interim we should also pay Mark for this. Stella's target to return is 1st November. Tony said that Mark should receive an extra £15 for taking choir practice making a total of £47 per week.

Town Centre Churches Leaflet

Father Mike passed around copies of the new leaflet and explained that it was going out to 5000 new homes. Father Mike also said that he had been to the new school and noticed that there was a pile of brochures on their counter. Linda noticed that the postcode is wrong.

11.

Correspondence

- Jane had received an email from Rosa Miller expressing her surprise and disappointment to see no mention of Evensong for Harvest Festival. It was agreed that Lynne would respond thanking her for her interest and that we would bear it in mind for next year.
- The PCC has received a letter from Lynda Sheffield thanking them for agreeing to pay for work done at the Vicarage.
- It was agreed to order 100 "St George's" pens for £49.
- Tony confirmed that he has re-ordered diaries for next year.
- A letter has been received from Chris Hodgens. He is grateful for the arrangements made for his father's funeral with particular thanks to Father Mike, Father Ray, St George's Men and said how wonderfully supportive and friendly they have been. He would like to make a 50/50 donation to church funds and Combat Stress. Sue is also very appreciative. There will be an extract of the letter in the bulletin.

Lynne

12.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday 4th November 2014** following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

The meeting closed at 9.09 pm.

