

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON WEDNESDAY 23RD OCTOBER 2013**

Present: Fr Mike, Linda Wainwright (Churchwarden), Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Tony Rice-Oxley, Colin Monk, Abi Morgan, Sonja Pask, Lynne McNeill, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**
Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Geoff Davies, Carol McKells

Mike welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.
2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 17th September**
These were signed as a true and accurate record.
3. **Matters Arising**
Page 1, Item 3 – Piano cover – Fr Mike said the new piano cover which had been made to measure has arrived and is now on the piano.
Linda suggested marking the inside with a permanent marker with St George's.
Page 2, Item 4(d) – Linda said although the minutes were correct she ought to mention that as far as the Diocese is concerned it was Option 4 that we went for.
Page 3, Item 11(c) – Fr Mike said he has heard no more about the joint Christmas card.
Page 4, Item 14 – Fr Mike thanked everyone involved in this and said it had been an excellent day with the Archdeacon.
4. **Treasurer's Report to PCC meeting 23 October 2013**
Dawn gave the following report:

Income
Included within the income figures
 - £1928.91 from gift Aid for Quarter 3
 - Donations of £16.95 are from a baptism
 - £107.49 are included within Liturgical gifts for votive sales
 - Fundraising includes £500 from Friday Coffee morning
 - Included in Extra Ordinary income is £1000 donation towards the cost of the dishwasher £30 donation towards the spotlights and £178.60 from WMF for half of the costs of having the organ tuned.
 - £288.06 is the investment income from our investments with the diocese.
Expenditure
 - Fees paid out include £96 which we have to pay to cover Stella's 3 week holiday each year
 - Liturgical costs are wafers from St Cecilia's Abbey
 - Extra Ordinary expenditure of £2856 is the purchase of the dishwasher
I feel that it needs to be pointed out that the money received in both planned giving and plate donations is falling below budget in all areas. At our current position we have spent £10950.16 more than we have had in. Admittedly we have used money we had put buy in the form of

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legacies and we had a bit of a buffer in the current account but we will be running at a deficit this year and unless we are prepared to dip into our reserves, all areas of expenditure will have to be looked at closely when preparing next year's budget.

All the legacies now spent (Edwin's separate) on re-decoration and gallery work. However, Tony said there is £4,000 to come from the shop + around £1,500 we can expect from the Bazaar. There is only one more quota to pay this year and then we have two free months.

There is also talk about having a major stewardship drive in Lent next year.

b) **Charities Treasurer's Report**

September retiring collection totalled £127.33 + £50 from Wednesday coffee so £88.67 was sent to both the Alzheimers Society and Parkinson UK.

c) **Fabric and Finance Committee Report**

Minutes of this meeting have already been circulated. Dick said the Energy Basket is up and running and bills are being received from Total Energy.

Dick has received a quote from the gardener he uses. For 4 hours a month he would charge £50 (£12.50 an hour). He could start immediately. He can also do a one off quote for large tidying up jobs. Dick Handy proposed that we take on this gardener at £50 per month and this was seconded by Linda Wainwright and agreed unanimously. Glyn Ross has also done quite a lot of work around the churchyard during the summer and has been thanked for this.

Dick

Quinquennial inspection is now due so Dick will be contacting Daniel Forshaw, the Architect to come and do it.

Dick

Dick reported that we have had an indication that the replacement of the main church boiler may be considerably cheaper than originally quoted – about £5,000. This will be discussed at the next F&F meeting.

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5. **Pastoral Committee Report**

Met on 23rd September. Minutes will be sent out to the whole PCC and are self explanatory.

6. **Hall Committee Report**

Have met twice since the last PCC – minutes have both been circulated and are self explanatory. Colin reported that we have spent a lot of money on the hall, the latest being this week where we failed the electrical inspection and have had a new consumer unit installed. Colin will pass on the Pass certificate to Dick to send to the insurance company. Income is down as some of the regular users have dropped off and we need to get some more regular users on board. Barbie advised of a website for advertising church halls so Colin will have a look – www.hallshire.com – he will also produce a flyer to hand out. Some organisations who use the hall and do not pay the normal hourly rate are being discussed at the moment.

Colin

Colin reported that there will be a 10% increase in hire charges from January and Colin will be writing to people to inform them of this.

Colin

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7. **Other Committee Reports**
a) **Social and Fundraising**
Not met but Fr Mike said it was a good opportunity to thank Jane Rice-Oxley and her team for all their hard work in the church shop which made over £4,000. Tony said there is also probably another £300-£400 from gift aid to come.
8. **Deanery Synod Report**
Next meet on 6th November. A discussion took place about the Leadership Conference 2013 which was held for PCC on 15th October from 7.00-9.30 at Oaklands Catholic School and the Clergy day at the Langstone Hotel on 16th October. The speakers were Martin Cavender and Alison Morgan from ReSource. 7 members of our PCC attended. If anyone has any comments for Linda to put on the feedback form please e-mail them to her.
9. **Insurance for Church and Hall (Update from F&F)**
Dick said that this is all sorted. The Hall insurance has been changed and he has received the confirmation. The new policy with the new excess for the Hall will come into effect on 11th June 2014 when the current one is up for renewal. The safety inspection has now been done and new unit installed and when he receives the certificate Dick will contact the insurance company again.
10. **MDA (Berewood) – Joint Churches Christmas Card (update from Fr Mike)**
As mentioned above Fr Mike has heard nothing further about this.
11. **Church office – computer (Dick Handy)**
Dick said he and Chris had a long chat about the computer Chris was offering but it was decided it was not suitable. Dick has therefore ordered one from Novatech but came back from Scotland to find a message from them saying his order was not a viable configuration so he will go down to Novatech tomorrow to sort it out. He has gone for a basic system and Chris and Dick will look to see what other bits they have around which they can install.
12. **Correspondence**
There was no correspondence. Fr Mike asked if someone would be prepared to take the minutes at the meeting on 9th December at the Vicarage at 7.30 pm and 14th January after the Eucharist at 8 pm as Jane will be in Australia. Sonja volunteered to take the minutes at both these meetings.
13. **Date of next meeting**
Monday 9th December 2013 at 7.30 pm at The Vicarage followed by drinks and mince pies.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm.