

**Present:**

Gerry O'Donnell, Sue Carr, Penne Cecil Hutton, Liz Conway, Brenda Eydman, Bridget Hanlon, Pauline D'Mello-Maplesden, Bernadette Hallett, Truda Hobbs, Peter McFall, Karen Swain.

**Minutes:**

Bernadette Hallett

**Agenda:**

1. **Welcome** given by Gerry, with a special mention to Bridget and Truda. **Opening Prayer** by Peter McFall.
2. **Apologies for Absence** – Fr.Peter
3. **Minutes and Matters Arising**, minutes agreed, no matters arising.
4. **Parish Pastoral Council Roles**

Areas of Responsibility were discussed and prioritised at the last meeting. Gerry has now spoken to all members of the PPC and has emailed out a list of allocated areas of responsibility as follows:

Gerry	On Line
Bernadette	Vulnerable
Brenda	Elderly
Peter McF	Young Families & School
Liz	Elderly
Bridget	Elderly & Vulnerable
Karen	Young Families & School
Truda	Spiritual
Pauline	Youth
Sue	Vulnerable
Penne	Youth
Unassigned	Fund Raising

Fund Raising remains unassigned but remains very important.

A question was raised about the role of the Social Club Committee with regard to fund raising. Might it be possible to coordinate fund raising for specific purposes during the year?

- \* Gerry will informally approach the Social Club Committee to discuss, and will then put out an appeal to the parish for a possible Fund Raiser.
- \* Gerry will invite a representative from the Social Club Committee to the next PPC meeting.

**5. Parish Pastoral Development Group**

A discussion was held about how to develop the plans for the identified priorities. It was agreed that the PPC members identified with each priority (as above) would take ownership of these plans and progress them and report back at the PPC meetings.

- \* Gerry will email out the template for each priority (attached with these minutes)  
The Youth Group is about to reopen and the target age group has been expanded to include all teenagers. Pauline and Penne are already working on several aspects of Youth work. Gerry congratulated them in their work and initiatives and stated that they are now leading by example.

Currently we do not cater for young families. We could follow the example of Worth Abbey and set up a similar 'Families Day' and encourage young families to participate. Regular families activities evening were held in the past and other events developed out of this. Could we resurrect this practice? Possible connection with specific groups in the parish, eg. First Communion group, Baptism families, New Families.

\* The Youth priority owners Penne and Pauline will incorporate this into their plans and report back.

To summarise;

- We have alignment of PPC members to each area of priority
- We have a template to evolve a plan for each priority and PPC leaders will meet with all the identified stakeholders of all the relevant groups (check parish website for contact persons) and document their plans
- Each priority leader will report back at the next meeting

## **6. Organ Fundraising**

We still need to raise £1,700. Gerry had offered to set up a Just Giving page but this proved not straight forward. There are upfront charges to register charities or monthly fees. The parish itself is not a registered charity but is under the Diocesan Charity. The Diocese has offered to set up webpage on our behalf identifying the St. Aidan's Organ Fund. Peter McFall is liaising with Southwark.

The new organist is going to play at the 9.00am mass as from next week, and occasionally at the 6.00pm mass. Suggestion was made that we arrange for the organist to play at all masses one weekend and then have a retiring collection afterwards. Possibly advertise this in other Coulsdon parishes and give a general invitation to attend.

## **7. Communication to the Parish**

Gerry will prepare a paragraph for the newsletter.

Minutes are displayed on the noticeboard in the Church Hall, and on the Parish Website.

## **8. AOB**

Finance Report;

Peter McFall produced a copy of a simple breakdown of the Finance Report with summarised figures, and a short version of both Income and Expenditure, and projections for the end of the year, which he distributed for explanation and discussion. Gift Aid refund is less than the previous year refund as that was a figure that covered the previous three years.

Fund Raising - the Fete profits remain a vital contributor to parish funds. Gerry gave a vote of thanks to Pauline and her team for all their efforts and hard work. He stressed that the fete is not just about fund raising but is also about bringing the parish together as a community.

Hall income has increased as a result of more bookings.

Gerry thanked Peter for providing the Report and for making it simple and clear for all to understand.

Holiday Hunger and Universal Credit;

Penne reported that she has met with the Justice and Peace Group and together they have a planned meeting with Chris Philp, our local MP, next week. There is provision in Croydon for young people during term time but we need to know what plans there are for holiday times.

Youth Event;

Penne is trying to organise a Youth Event on 2nd November for youth within this and other parishes. There is a Deanery Youth Rep who is also going to attend.

Premises: Lighting in the car park;

Brenda believes the lighting in the car park should be improved and is not welcoming .

\* Gerry will bring this to the attention of the Premises Committee.

**Volunteer to prepare Opening Prayer – Sue Carr**

**Closing Prayer** by Peter McFall

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Date: Monday 25th November, 2019

Time: 7.30pm

Place: Marian Room, St. Aidan's Church Hall