# ST JOSEPH'S AND ST. MARY'S PARISH PENARTH AND DINAS POWYS PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at 7.30 pm in St. Joseph's Church Hall on Thursday, 19th June 2014

PRESENT: Claire Sommerville (Chair); Canon J. Boardman; Deacon Elfed Jones; Sister Joseph Mary; Martin Price; Judith Braeman, Christiane Cantlay, Don Clarey; Paul Gallone; Kevin Lawrence; Trixie Douglas; Teresa Keating; Mary Taylor; Joyce Harding

1. Opening prayer: Canon Joe

## 2. Apologies for absence:

Marianne Cowpe;

# 3. Minutes of the last meeting 1st May 2014

Agreed as correct record.

**4. Matters arising:** Matters arising are agenda items.

# **5.**Correspondence:

Canon has received an email from Lara Cowpe asking if she can have the book case..Canon will reply in agreement to this.

## 6.. Reports from Committees:

#### **Finance Committee:**

MP gave report. Meeting had been held on the previous Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Accounts will be available for parishioners at the back of church on the weekend 21<sup>st</sup> June. Last year there was a surplus of £9,451 mainly because of legacies received of £10,137. £12,000 had been deposited to our deposit account with the Archdiocese during the year.

Budget for this year shows a deficit of £10,711 because of the extra work which will have to be done ie. the wall in St. Joseph's, the work on the presbytery and the roof at St. Mary's.

## St. Joseph's:

External rendering will be undertaken now but the inside replastering will probably be delayed until next year.

Painting of external parts of presbytery and new fascias will be done as soon as possible.

## St. Mary's:

Baptismal font has been removed and floor blocks have been relaid. Decorating interior: quotation received for £13,200. This will be presented to the Trustees meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup> for approval. Work will be carried out in the Autumn avoiding the two weddings due to take place in Sept & Oct.

## St. Mary's Hall:

Water had come in through the window adjacent to the front door of the hall during the heavy rain, thought to be due to the guttering getting blocked. Perhaps need for larger guttering to alleviate this problem in

future.

The pool table has now gone.

## St. Mary's Church. Statue of the Risen Christ.

This will be re-located from the sanctuary area to a prominent position on the wall at the far end of the new part of the church, prior to redecoration. The Sacred Heart statue is to be placed in the Blessed Sacrament chapel and St. Joseph's statue will re place the Sacred Heart. Eventually a suitable crucifix will be acquired and placed at the back of the sanctuary.

## (b) Cytun:

EJ gave report of last full meeting . The Pentecost groups may move back to being Lenten groups.

There were two speakers looking forward to the Christmas period. Firstly Lesley Cox talked about the idea of placing knitted sheep in the shops in Penarth, for children and families to try and find. There will be a leaflet produced explaining this project and it is hoped it will bring something of the Christmas story to children. To be discussed in more depth at the next Cytun meeting.

Secondly, Sally Humble Jackson spoke to the Cardiff Christmas Story which is held at Tabernacle, Cardiff, every year. Outlined the need for volunteers and also the need for donations if possible to keep this running. Is happy to talk to any groups or churches if they are interested in learning more.

Reports from all the committees were acknowledged.

Various events are taking place over the summer and these will be flagged up in the parish gazette as and when.

Cytun Worship for July on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> will be lead by Richard Griffiths of St. Augustines.

# (c ) Council of churches (Dinas Powys):

Nothing to report, next meeting will be held September/October

#### (d) Other meetings:

Canon had attended a meeting led by Jonathan Cox for Citizens UK. This project concerns both Faith and Secular organisations. It is concerned with working for the community trying to focus on issues that concern people. There is to be a formal launch in October. We have to find 10 people in the parish and each in turn has to speak to another 10 people, asking them what issues concern them and in this way, by September, there will be some 100 replies to submit to Jonathan and his team.. When all the replies are pooled there should be somewhere in the region of 10,000 to help work out which issues are the most prominent. In this regard there is to be a Parish meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July in St. Joseph's hall to explain the process to our people. JH, CC, CS agreed to be part of this. Others will be asked. Jim Barnaville will speak at the meeting.

#### 7. Health and Safety: (St. Mary's Hall)

Everything has been done that needs to be done in the hall apart from the trim in the kitchen and the hole around the piping under the sink which will be addressed. Environmental Health are visiting on Wednesday next. MP has revised the Food Management System for both halls and these will be displayed. Hopefully we will continued to get a rating of 4/5. The fridge has been purchased and JB is taking the temperature readings and recording them.

(St. Joseph's Church): There is a "heave" where some blocks are raised up across the main aisle in St. Joseph's. These have now been re-laid. Grounds (St, Joseph's): The inspection chamber protruding above the grass adjacent to the hall has now been levelled.

# 8. Environmental Health Inspection Imminent: St. Mary's Hall Discussed above

## 9. Safeguarding;

MT: There has been no meeting recently. DBS has already started and in September MT is to start replacing the old CRBs for volunteers. There has been no clear instruction regarding using one DBS for multiple applications as yet. The present situation is that a person needs an employment DBS and a volunteer DBS. All this needs clarifying and the instructions on the website can be a little confusing.

#### 10. Social and fundraising activities:

Nothing to report at present. Parish Brain Quiz (St. Mary's) was a successful night.

## 11. Youth: First Holy Communion and Confirmation:

All services went very well. Thanks extended to the Catechists , RCIA and everyone involved in helping all children concerned. There is a meeting on  $30^{th}$  June for Confirmandi to receive certificates and hopefully to discuss ways forward for involving the youth in parish activities.

#### 12.Website:

It is up to date but DC mentioned that people were still not sending in contributions. Joe Roberts to continue to helping with the running of the website. He has been reimbursed for the cost of hosting the website (60pounds) and we have paid him a fee (100pounds) for the next 12 months. The group photograph of the confirmation children has now been posted on the web page.

#### 13. St. Joseph's School:

No report.

#### 14: Parish Matters:

Sr Joseph Mary said that despite some problems the Mass for the Sick on 7<sup>th</sup> June had been very successful and people had once again enjoyed the Mass and the meal afterwards.

The taxi firm, C&J taxis of Barry, which Jo Donovan had approached were excellent and will be used again. PG felt it would be good to recommend them to others if the occasion arose. Sr JM felt that next time one person should be appointed from each church who would be solely responsible for arrangements for people at their end, and this would avoid confusion.

#### 15: Canon Joe:

Fr. Ambrose Walsh will be unable to cover for Canon's holiday this year due to health issues and so a priest who lives in Berkshire Fr. Dermot Tredget OSB, will be coming to Penarth and Dinas Powys to cover on the weekends of 28<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October. On the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> August, Canon is away for a family wedding. Archbishop George will be covering the Masses in Penarth and Dinas Powys that weekend. There will be no Sunday evening Mass in St. Mary's on those three weekends.

## 16: Any Other Business:

JH asked if somebody could look at the door near the Piety Shop which bangs loudly!

KL wondered if there should be rota for people who wished to say the opening and closing prayers at the meeting.

## 17. Date of next meeting:

Thursday, 18th September at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Hall

Meeting in St. Joseph's Hall re Citizen UK 17th July 2014 at 7.30

18. Closing Prayer: Deacon Elfed.