



Sacred Heart Church

Minutes of Annual General Meeting
8 July 2021 by Zoom

PRESENT

Helen Burgess	Siobhan Campbell
Peter Leatherland, PAC Chair	Fr. Jerry Manomey
John McNeil	Deacon Philip Pugh
Roger Wilshaw, Chair	Suzanne Yates, Secretary

APOLOGIES

Mick Fagan	Diana Page
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1. RW welcomed all those in attendance including Fr. Jerry for his first meeting
2. Fr. Jerry opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. We all introduced ourselves
 - Fr. Jerry as priest in charge and our servant
 - RW has been chair of PPC for last two years
 - DPP has been deacon here for 10+ years
 - SY has been secretary since 2007
 - PL was chair of the now disbanded PAC
 - SC has been in the parish for over 25 years and was last chair of PPC
 - JMcN has been in the parish about 10 years and now time to be more involved
 - HB has been involved for a long time and has had several roles including lead catechist now involved with CTA&F and other aspects of prayer
4. Positions confirmed.
 - Noted that MD had married and moved away from the parish need someone to take on our social media
 - Noted that DP was stepping down as lead catechist after being involved for over 10 years. She would do the confirmation group this time
 - Thanks was given to both MD and DP
5. Minutes of the AGM on 11 June 2020 were tabled and approved.
6. AGM Report and review of 2020
 - Coping with Corona – RW
 - We have done many things on YouTube and Zoom and other online activities. We did a great job in reaching out to our parishioners with Call& Care
 - We said goodbye to Fr. John and welcomed Fr. Jerry
 - The Spiritual Year – DPP

- We were quick to build up a community online and were early adopters of Zoom with Morning Prayers and rosary and many other activities
- Stayed online as a learning community finishing off The Big Picture and doing Advent and Lent courses
- We had Mass online and Fr. John's homilies were on YouTube
- Tony Davis (a parishioner) who has a background in IT was able to make it work extremely well
- HB and SY facilitated Family Prayers each Sunday during Lent and then monthly after that. We meet with a core of young families and their parents
- Mothers' Prayers has been part of the parish for many years, and this went to Zoom. It is run by Sue Barley
- We were presented with a Live Simply award and Jim Aylward has continued to help us work on this
- The Charismatic Group have gone from strength to strength and started a Come and See programme on Zoom and had over 30 participants at times. Fr. J stated that he would like to see representatives of all the groups as part of the PPC. It was mentioned that HB is part of the group
- SVP is led by John Flanagan, and they have been a huge support when most needed, made a thousand phone calls, delivered shopping through windows, ferried people with masks and open windows and continued to support the homeless (financial and survival kits, the Need project, baby feeding stations in Sudan and three communities in India
- Re-think, Re-emerge and Renew
 - This was a working group of about 20 people who meeting in 3 groups on care and support, formation, and resources. Their main ideas and recommendations were
 - ⇒ We've achieved a lot during lockdown – build on it, don't lose it
 - ⇒ Find a way to publicise what the parish offers and who to contact
 - ⇒ Try to start some more sociable activities
 - ⇒ Support those who need to talk to somebody
 - ⇒ Call and Care revived
 - ⇒ Find ways to involve children (more) in the Mass
 - ⇒ Talk about how services of Word and Communion should be used
 - ⇒ Restart tea and coffee after Mass
 - ⇒ Enhance the support we give to those who are bereaved
 - ⇒ Don't abandon our ambition on Mandated Ministry
 - ⇒ Find a way to address the hurt felt when the Mass moved to 9.00 am
- Financial Report –
 - Over £100,000 in reserves
 - COVID has hit the amount on the plate each week, reduced by 66%
 - but thanks to JFle we have over £750 in standing orders each week

- Plans to change paving by Canon Frank room, deep clean ceiling, revarnishing wooden slats and lighting the Altar stained glass window
- PL mentioned the contactless machine and thought we need a bit more information on how to use it. Needs to be more accessible. SY mentioned that it is expensive to operate

Looking Ahead

- A new energy from Fr Jerry
- A church without number constraints
- A chance to meet socially
- Reflecting on the messages from “re-think”

7. Plans for the Year Ahead

- The 40th Anniversary of Sacred Heart
Planning with Fr. J about what we will do. Church opened in 1982 and was consecrated in 1983
- Renewal, plan to have a committee to help develop what came from the groups
- Plan a pilgrimage to France to where the priests of The Sacred Heart order started
- Discussed the amazing contribution Ros Penn made to our parish
- Fr. J discussed The Year of St Joseph

8. Role of PPC

- Fr. Jerry discussed that the PPC was pastoral conversation with the parish and was part of the work of the priest. Spirituality needs to be encouraged by the PPC. Mission, pastoral, and finance activities as well as how to share our faith. PPC role to help priest project the mission of the church.
- People to look forward to talking, catechise, renewal and missionary aspiration
- Need to work through the role Fr. J sees for PPC
- DPP discussed ways to move forward with Fr. J leadership
- Need all our groups represented on PPC

9. AOB

- SY brought MF thoughts to the meeting. We have all been looking forward to the relaxing of restrictions and the new post covid world. I think we should celebrate this in a twofold way. A service to remember all who have been affected by covid and also including a thanksgiving for all who have survived, as we look forward to new normal. After the service I'd like us to have a celebration, sharing food and drink and just socialising in a relaxed happy and safe way. A rebuilding and bonding of the community.
- RW said we have some tricky months ahead, despite the government's relaxed laws on masks we need to keep our church community safe
- SC said we need to take everyone's needs into account.
- Fr. J said we would have a Memorial Mass in the last week in November.
Action SY to put in calendar
- Must have memorial for Canon Denis on 21 July and Canon Frank on 1 December

- HB commented on what Pope Francis is asking of us in the synod. In October, Pope Francis will open a three-year synodal journey with three phases (diocesan, continental, universal) of consultations and discernment, culminating with the assembly in October 2023 in Rome. How are we going to embrace this? **Action** HB and DPP will work on this
- RW concluded by saying we have more than survived the pandemic we have grown. He thanked DPP and SY for their role in this growth and said we are looking to the future with Fr. J

DPP concluded the AGM with a prayer.