

Minutes of St Osmund's Pastoral Council Meeting

20th January 2010

Item	Discussion/Action	Action by:
	<p>Present Bernadette Thorne (chair), Margaret Price (minutes), Joan Lewis, Jennifer Potheary, Fr Tom Dubois, Vincent Thorne, Anne Huntley, Colette Price, Deacon John Proctor (DJP), Deacon Steve Godwin.</p>	
1	<p>Prayer led by Joan</p>	
2	<p>Apologies Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Caroline Williams, Tony Vergeheese, Sylvia Weston.</p>	
3	<p>Minutes of last meeting – agreed.</p>	
4	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
4.1	<p>Parish rooms – see item 10</p>	
4.2	<p>Youth Ministry – Fr Tom asks us for support and prayer with the launch of Expression 2010. The launch event on Thursday 11 February at 7:30pm in St Elizabeth's Hall will include presentations by the young people about the various youth initiatives as well as Expression 2010.</p>	
5	<p>Diocesan Guidelines for Pastoral Councils The paper that John circulated with the minutes was designed to set out what we do so we can identify gaps and plan our strategic focus – which parts of the Diocesan guidelines we could put into practice, in what order.</p> <p>For example, the children's liturgy only happens at 2 of the Masses (9am and Good Shepherd), and is not structured into age groups. This is an area we could develop. We would need to look at recruitment and training of volunteers.</p>	
	<p><u>In advance of</u> the next meeting we all need to look at the guidelines and email Bernie with what you think are key areas for development.</p>	All
6	<p>Evangelisation – feedback on launch of city wide prayer mission Fr Tom reported that the Advent prayer initiative had a fabulous response. It involved a huge number of the parish. It is intended that it will happen again next Advent. Ellie Hughes put a lot of work, energy and enthusiasm into this initiative.</p>	
7	<p>Helping fellow parishioners There was a big response to our helping others appeal in Advent 2008. The replies were collated but it became clear that vetting/safeguarding etc is a problem. If the Parish send someone to go and help a vulnerable person, we are responsible for that person with all that entails in current legislation.</p> <p>However we have not communicated this to the people who volunteered</p>	

who think we have just not followed up on this initiative.

There may be a way in which we can actually effect this initiative and John will investigate what the issues are (insurance/safeguarding etc.) and see how we can take it forward.

John will also write something for the bulletin explaining the situation and also encourage people to help each other even without the parish acting as intermediary.

DJP

8 Support for Family Life

Jim and Frances Rolleston have been appointed coordinators for marriage and family life.

They will identify what they can do and how – in effect to write their own job description.

The question was raised - how did this appointment come about? The pastoral guidelines suggested that parishes should have such an appointment and a diocesan coordinator was appointed. The diocesan coordinator has asked that parishes appoint someone.

Frances and Jim made a very good contribution to the celebration of marriage service by their witness.

Whilst Frances and Jim's appointment is welcomed by the Pastoral Council there was some concern that the Pastoral Council was not consulted prior to the appointment as this is the sort of thing that should be within our remit, and could have arisen from the strategic view discussed at item 5, above.

All future appointments within the parish should be discussed by the Pastoral Council.

Frances and Jim's appointment should be marked by a rite of commissioning to launch this ministry.

9 Epiphany / pre-lent party

The arrangements will roll over from the original plan, Jiffer and her team ore on top of it and have also put out requests for help again, and for parishioners to distribute invitations.

JP

Entertainment – Gwynne has been asked/will be asked (not sure which) to play, perhaps he could suggest someone else as well.

JL

10 Parish rooms

The parish rooms are now open - and looking good.

New furniture is to be ordered – it was suggested that a trolley or trolleys be bought to enable refreshments to be transported to the different rooms. Also needs a means of propping the door open as there isn't a hatch between the kitchen and the main room where after Mass coffee is served.

Niki takes care of the booking for the rooms, but it is unclear how other matters are to be coordinated – stocking the kitchen, cleaning, etc.

It was suggested that a committee was needed to manage the parish rooms.

Canon Michael knows more about this than the rest of us and he could update us on this at the next meeting.

MJF

11 Parish Pastoral Committee

Frances and Jim should be asked if they would serve on the PC to liaise about their role as discussed at item 8 above.

MJF

It was suggested, and broadly agreed (but without detail as to how or when) that we should have a rite of commissioning for the PC.

We discussed the facts that we are not elected, are seen by some as “closed” and many don’t understand what we are for. The need for more openness was identified. The photographs need updating, and a document setting out who we are and what we do developed (we did do this before but perhaps it needs to be done again in the light of the Pastoral Guidelines) Vincent will produce this - based on page 11 of the implementation document.

VT

It was noted that Holy Redeemer have open meetings and suggested that maybe we should do this from time to time. This could then be combined with a commissioning liturgy as discussed above.

12 AOB

12.1 The Way of The Cross.

Parishes (via SCORE) have given £1000 to this project and have pledged (?) another £1000. Appeals for people to get involved have gone in the bulletin. They will hold regular meetings on Mondays 7-9pm from 25th January, in the Methodist church, where people can go to find out more and get involved.

12.2 St Joseph’s School

Anne reported that she has attended the first “collaboration across the campus” meeting and a coordinator has been appointed.

12.3 Salisbury Churches Together

Pam Perry is secretary and keeps Parish informed of SCT activities. Sr. Pauline (I think) is our representative. Canon Michael also attends meetings.

Pam has passed on a message from the Bridge Project that they feel they are not well supported by the Parish who were, apparently, instrumental in setting up the project.

However, Fr Tom is on their Council of Reference and is meeting with their new Manager. Fr Tom will find out what we can do for them.

TD

13 Correspondence

"Heal Our Land UK" an "interactive musical event" may be coming to Salisbury in 2010.

14 Date of next meeting

Thursday 18th February at 7pm.
Prayers to be led by Collette

CP