

Minutes of St Osmund's Pastoral Council Meeting

18 February 2010

Item	Discussion/Action	Action by:
	<p>Present Bernadette Thorne (chair & help with minutes), Jennifer Potheary (minutes), Joan Lewis, , Fr Tom Dubois, Vincent Thorne, Anne Huntley, Colette Price, Deacon John Proctor (DJP), Deacon Steve Godwin.</p>	
1	Prayer led by Collette - thank you	
2	Apologies Margaret Price, Sylvia Weston. (absent - Tony)	
3	Minutes of last meeting – agreed.	
4	Matters Arising	
4.1	Helping fellow parishioners: John spoke about the call for 'Gifts of Help' before Christmas 2008 to help parishioners in need. Jennifer said that a list had been collated. John will try & locate the list and will produce a piece for the newsletter. The general feeling was that the Diocesan office's approach to police checks was hampering our ability to provide pastoral care.	JP
4.2	Pre-Lent party: It was agreed that this was a success but sadly numbers were depleted. One suggestion was to promote it as a party for all ages and to ensure that the housebound were invited. The fixture to remain Pre Lent rather than Epiphany.	
4.3	Rite of Commissioning: A long debate about commissioning the PPC members as well as the co-ordinators for marriage and family life. It was felt that the PPC members could be commissioned after the Parish AGM on 25 th April at 3.30pm? The Diocese/deanery is planning to hold a commissioning service for the co-ordinators for marriage and family life.	
4.4	Summary of the role of the PPC: Thanks to Vincent for producing an insert for the Parish newsletter about the role of the PPC. It was approved by all with one amendment (Pastoral/Parish). This led on to a discussion about finding new members to serve on the PPC. It was felt that we should put this document in the newsletter very soon and then put an item in the newsletter requesting nominations & proposers for new members. The current council would then pray & discern about the names that were put forward. The members of the PPC would then be announced to the Parish at the AGM.	VT/MJF
4.5	Diocesan Guidelines for Pastoral Councils: The following ideas were put forward as possible areas to focus on over the next 5 years: Interfaith dialogue, Welcoming (Whaddon), Adult Catechesis - developing people's faith & knowledge with ongoing programmes (Bernie suggested 'The Road to Pentecost' a prayer guide from Easter to Pentecost as a possibility), Parish Retreats, development of Children's liturgy at more masses, Social activities for young families, Increasing involvement of volunteers, Developing the idea of a Welcoming Pack, more active role in Churches together, encourage Justice & Peace / Environmental issues (Harvest Festival Liturgies), KIT - Keep in Touch, restart a Taize group. John talked of the need for on going religious education and keeping the	ALL

Faith active in parents who bring their children for sacramental programmes but then become lost after First Holy Communion etc. Do we need more catechists? The members of the PPC were asked to look at the above areas again before our next meeting so that we could agree a few areas to work towards over the next 5 years.

- 5 Volunteering in Parishes:** Thanks to Steve & Margaret for preparing their 'Celebration of Parish Life' document following on from Barbara Wallace's meeting, 'Volunteering in Parishes' and her workbook 'To Love & Serve the Lord'. They suggest a shared meal, a liturgy and discussions to encourage & support volunteers. The meal to be provided by the parish but donations towards costs from participants. Could we ask if the younger members of our community would serve the food & help with the meeting? Current volunteers would be invited and encouraged to bring a friend. Please could we pass names to Niki so that she can do some invitations. Suggested date Wednesday 28th April in SEH. (SEH booked yet?)

6 AOB: nil

7 Correspondence: nil

8 Closing Prayer: The Prayer of Archbishop Oscar Romero

9 Date of next meeting
19th March at 7.45pm (after mass)

Prayers to be led by Jennifer Potheary

**MP, SG,
Niki**

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