

## Minutes of PPC 1st July 2010

Present; Fr. Stephen, Louise Kidd, Monique Pryke, Raymond Keough, Martin Black, Anne Moynihan, Anne de Kremer, John Mildner, Hannah Coomber and Terry Slattery

Apologies from Denys and Steve

Minutes of the last meeting were approved with minor amendments. In future, minutes will be circulated prior to the next scheduled meeting and members are asked to check on the accuracy or otherwise and liaise with the secretary and chair if there are to be alterations.

Matters arising;

There was an extensive discussion regarding the reader's rota, the Eucharistic ministers' rota and the need to attract young people to be readers and undertake other ministries. Louise pointed out that many of the confirmation candidates served on the altar and could not read at the same Mass. Fr Stephen stated that some of the candidates had divided loyalties and could not be relied on. With regard to EMs reading, Fr Stephen had contacted the Chair of the Diocesan Liturgy Committee, who stated that the Diocese did not intend to commission readers and that EMs could read provided the two ministries were not undertaken at the same Mass. Fr Stephen has accepted this advice. Any training for readers has to be done in house. Readers who are missed off the list should either contact Ian Fullagher or Louise. With the Eucharistic ministers; this is a particularly important ministry, where those commissioned undertake to take on the duties asked of them. Whilst there needs to be some flexibility in rotas, it is vital that any difficulties are communicated to Louise. Terry is to re-visit the matter of the confessional raised in the previous minutes.

Fr. Stephen reviewed the first few months at St. Joseph's; he thanked parishioners for their support and collaboration. He is a priest who believes in the traditions of the Church whilst looking forward to the future – probably an impossible position but one, which Fr. Stephen firmly holds. Fr. Stephen stated that there is a need to nurture the youth of the Parish in recognition of their endeavours at the Church. He is also very appreciative of the outreach efforts of groups like KIT and HELP in what is essentially a rural parish; he also mentioned the importance of House Masses.

Nominations to the PPC from Committees; Maureen Mildner from the Prayer Group; no other nominations. Issue of representation from the KIT group has yet to be resolved Fr. Stephen has expressed a wish that the status quo on the PPC is kept as far as possible over the next 12 to 18 months. The terms of all members was agreed. Terry, Hannah, Monique, Anne M, Steve and Louise 2 years. Anne D K, John, Maureen and Kit representative, 3 years. Existing members according to the guidelines would not be eligible for re-election after their term.

*Most of the group reports have been submitted to Louise for the AGM with some amendments. The remaining would be e-mailed in the next few days.*

Financial Statement; TS reported that the accounts have been audited and that there were no changes from the accounts that were presented at the last meeting. He reported that the outside bell had been re-instated with an auto angelus. He is due to have discussions with the Diocesan architect, Howard Walters about the altar tiling and the stable block and will report back to the next meeting.

AOB;

1. The Prayer Group raised the issue of our commitment to the Third World. We currently actively support CAFOD that is the focus of our efforts. As a parish we are fairly generous in this support and Barry Nash is our co-ordinator. We also support to a lesser degree, Charities like Chad, Julian Lott's mission in Malawi and Emmanuel House in Nottingham. Collections within the parish have to be for official Catholic charities in order that the monies raised can be accounted for.
2. Monique raised an issue from the HELP group that was discussed, and without giving too much detail, it was suggested that all members exercised caution. Another issue regarding a 15 year old volunteering will be progressed by Hannah.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 7th October 2010