Meeting 3

OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of 29 March 2016

Present: Fr Joseph Boyle, Paul Mc Bride, Kathleen McGowan, John Graham

The meeting opened with a prayer.

1. Repair of ceiling tiles in hall discussed. Tiles in meeting room could be used to replace the broken/damaged tiles in the main hall. J. Graham will source suitable replacement ceiling tiles for the meeting room.

2. It would appear that there is some confusion regarding the use of the brown Gift Aid envelopes used for the second collection. At the moment the second collection is used to repay the loan for the rewiring/new lighting in the Church and not contributing towards the Hall Fund. The brown Gift Aid envelopes should still be used for the second collection with the tax benefits going towards repaying the rewiring loan. (See items 2 & 4 of previous minutes.) Perhaps a clearer explanatory notice should be placed in the parish bulletin. J. Graham will discuss this with Alex Buik.

3. Fr Boyle issued copies of the Hall account covering the period from 18 September 2015 to 29 February 2016 plus the Parish accounts for January and February 2016. On analysis it is clear that the Hall and Parish accounts reflect a healthy financial position.

4. Fr Boyle informed the meeting that he had closed two of the four Parish accounts. Account No xxxx035 (Business Account) and Account No xxxx043 (200 Club) have been closed and transferred to the main account. The Parish now has only two 'live' accounts: A/C No xxxx19 (Hall Account) and A/C No xxxx27 (Main Parish Account).

5. Paul McBride reported that he had approached Liz McGoldrick in connection with Kathleen McGowan's suggestion re a joint meeting of Hall Fundraising Group and Hall Management Committee. He stated that he suggested to her that a preliminary one-to-one meeting between himself and Liz may be the most productive way to proceed. Unfortunately, due to delays and cancellations this meeting has not yet taken place. He still wishes to have a joint meeting between the Hall Management Committee and the Hall Fundraising Group. Lack of minutes for Hall Management Committee was also a problem.

6. Paul McBride has obtained a further quote for installation of a dado rail in the hall. Fr Boyle stated that Paul could make the final decision, but that the work should go ahead.

7. Paul McBride informed the meeting that Douglas Clarkston had approached him regarding the kneelers in the Church. Many are in need of attention, requiring new stoppers and hinge dowels. Fr. Boyle suggested that further investigation may be required and that any necessary work could be carried out in a gradual fashion.

8. Discussion on the purpose of the Parish Assembly ensued. No consensus reached.

9. Fr Boyle stated that the next Parish Council Meeting was on 28 April 2016. He believed it would be beneficial if representatives from the Hall Fundraising group and the Hall Management Committee attended.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting: 17 May 2016 at 7.00pm