Meeting 6

OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of Sunday 30 October 2016

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

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

1. Fr Boyle informed the meeting that the request for approved project status for the replacement of the windows in the church has been granted subject to certain conditions. Fr Boyle is confident that we can meet these requirements and Kathleen McGowan has agreed to liaise with Louise Devine at the archdiocese regarding these matters.

2. The meeting was issued with copies of the Parish and Hall Accounts covering the period April to September 2016. On examination of these accounts it was clear that the Parish and the Hall were both operating on a sound financial basis

3. It was agreed that the Hall loan would be reduced by £40,000. This would be achieved by using £25,000 from the Hall Fund Account plus £15,000 from the main Parish Account. This would reduce the outstanding loan to around £40,000.

4. Fr Boyle stated that the Hall had incurred a series of extraordinary expenses totalling £4,000 since our last meeting. Malfunction in the bar cooling system, problems with the air condition units and difficulties in obtaining a catering/commercial gas safety certificate for appliances in the kitchen were the main causes. Fr Boyle suggested that the high specification and sophistication of some of the equipment and appliances installed far exceeded what is necessary for a Parish Hall. A review of what the future vision of the hall should be is required.

5. Copies of the Archdiocese Levy calculations for 2016/17 were issued. OLSG annual levy has been set at £30,400.

6. Fr Boyle intimated that he was considering consolidating the various accounts into the main Parish Account.

The meeting concluded with a prayer.

Next meeting:- Sunday 4 December 2016 @ 12.15pm