Meeting 11

OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 10th August 2017

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

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

1. No discussion on this topic from previous meeting.

2. Fr Boyle has received a reply from Louise Devine at the Archdiocese. She agrees that £30,000 should be paid into the diocesan bank account. Louise will negotiate the loan repayment with the bank and will refund any surplus to the Parish if it transpires that the outstanding loan is less than £30,000. Fr Boyle stated that the monthly direct debit loan repayment to the Archdiocese will be cancelled.

3. Fr Boyle issued copies of the Parish and Hall Accounts for the period April 2017 to July 2017. It was noted that Gift Aid offerings were down by £400. Fr Boyle thought that the Gas and Electricity charges for the Hall were expensive. Various reasons for this were discussed. Fr Boyle thought that a dedicated H/W system may help resolve some of the problems and installing such a system should be considered.

4. John Graham enquired if the Hall Account could show how the bar takings related to the hire of the Hall. Fr Boyle suggested that it would be better if this information was illustrated on a supplementary entry sheet and not on the bar account. John Graham agreed to discuss this with Barbara Quinn.

5. The meeting was informed that the bar 'stocktaking' would take place on Thursday 15th August 2017.

6. Weir McQuiston contractors have provided an electrical safety certificate for the Church House. Cost of inspection was £300. The Archdiocese has informed the Parish that an electrical safety inspection will be required for the Church Hall as it is now over five years old.

7. Various visual ideas for replacement windows for the Church were perused and discussed. No final decision was reached.

8. John Graham agreed to contact John Donnelly regarding obtaining an alternative estimate for the re-upholstery of the chairs in the Hall

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Fr Boyle indicated that he was considering the possibility of installing fixed central heating radiators in the main part of the Hall.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting Thursday 26th October 2017