Meeting 13

OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 23rd November 2017

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

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

1. (a) Fr Boyle informed the meeting that the October closing balance for the main Parish Account stood at £29,987.00. This included £2,000 from HMRC for the 'small donations Gift Aid Scheme' plus the sum of £1657 which was collected on Mission Sunday which has still to be forwarded to Missio Scotland. Nevertheless the closing balance showed a healthy increase from the previous month.

   (b)The Hall Account had a closing balance of £6,200, again an increase from the previous month. This increase in income was due, in part, to Hall events that were held in late September and not included in the previous months closing balance.

2. Fr Boyle informed the meeting that he would be conducting 'bar training' on the morning of Saturday 26th November. To date four people have expressed an interest in undergoing such training (Erin, Ahilesh, Josephine and Alwin). John Graham and Paul McBride stated that they would be willing to assist in the bar on a voluntary basis should the need arise.

3. John Graham informed the meeting that he had made little progress to date regarding the re-upholstery of the chairs in the Hall. He stated that it was still a 'work in progress' and he would continue with his endeavours and report back to the committee. Fr Boyle said that Fr. Joe Sullivan had suggested that we should apply to the St Nicholas Fund for a grant to help defray the cost of upholstering the chairs. John Graham stated that he would undertake this task when he had finalised the costs involved.

4. Paul McBride raised the issue of installing central heating radiators in the Main Hall and believed it would be appropriate to obtain a second opinion

regarding the feasibility of such work. Fr Boyle felt that even if a second additional boiler was required we should still pursue this improvement.

5. Fr Boyle stated that Margaret Russell was investigating how we could dispose (for sale) of the superfluous items of equipment in the Hall kitchen (massive freezer, deep fat fryers etc.). Margaret has yet to report back to Fr Boyle

6. Fr Boyle asked that we turn our minds to the proposal of replacing the doors and front facade of the Church so that we can discuss this at our next meeting.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting Thursday 18 January 2018 @ 8.00pm