Meeting 8

OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of Sunday 19 February 2017

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

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

1. The meeting discussed the correspondence between Kathleen McGowan and Louise Devine regarding our request to designate the replacement of the church windows as an 'approved project'. This has now been accepted by the Archdiocese and monies raised for this work will not be subject to any form of levy.

2. Fr Boyle issued copies of the Parish & Hall accounts for the months of December 2016 & January 2017. The closing balance at the end of January for the Main Parish account stood at £9000.00 and for the Hall Account the closing balance was £3134.00. Income from the bar was not included in the Hall account for this period. This situation will be remedied on Thursday 23rd February at the meeting of the Hall Management Committee.

3. The letter sent to Fr Boyle from Louise Devine (Finance Director, Archdiocese of Glasgow) regarding paying off the Hall bank loan was discussed. Louise highlighted some of the problems she was experiencing corresponding with the Bank of Scotland. She outlined several options that the Parish could consider in respect of paying off the Hall loan earlier than the original agreed terms. Her recommendation that the Archdiocese should hold the difference on behalf of the Parish and transfer lump sums to the loan account on a regular basis until the loan is fully repaid was agreed by the meeting:- (option 2). Fr Boyle hopes to make the final payment to the Archdiocese by July or August of this year (approx £30,000.00). Thereafter the monthly direct debits of £1817.25 will cease. Fr Boyle stated that he will ask Kathleen McGowan to convey this information to Louise Devine.

4. Fr Boyle stated that he had attempted to undertake 'stocktaking' of all the products in the Hall Bar. He felt that there was far too much variety and duplication of products which made the whole exercise very time consuming – time he did not have. Paul McBride and John Graham said that they would be willing to take on this task and would investigate what was required and report back to Fr Boyle.

5. Fr Boyle stated that the proposed electrical inspection and any possible rewiring of the Parish House has been placed on the 'back burner' for the moment.

6. Paul McBride informed the meeting that the CCTV monitor in the Hall Bar has now been repaired at a cost of £78.00.

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The meeting concluded with a prayer.

Next meeting:- Thursday 20th April at 8.00pm