Meeting 14

OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of Thursday 18 January 2018

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. **Parish Finances**
   The December closing balance for the Main Parish Account stood at £39,000. The balance for the Hall Account closed at £6,200. A sum of £2,500 has yet to be added to the Hall Account. This is the amount overpaid on our bank loan which has now been returned to the Parish. The income from the December events has yet to be added to the Hall Account, this will be included in the next financial statement.
   Although the financial standing of the Main Parish and Hall accounts appear relatively healthy, Fr. Boyle pointed out that the utility bills he is expecting in the coming weeks will have a significant effect on these closing balances.

2. **Bar Training**
   Fr. Boyle stated that he still did not have anyone to assist in the Bar for weekday events such as funerals etc. Paul McBride suggested that Robert Thompson may be someone who could be approached regarding this matter. Paul informed the meeting that Robert had indicated he would be willing to assist in any way he could.
   John Graham and Paul McBride restated that they would hopefully be available to help out in any emergency situation.

3. **Hall Chair Upholstery**
   The meeting was informed the cost of re-upholstering each chair would be £48 + VAT (£56.60). Fabric choices were discussed and one decided on. (Hermitage range – Gunmetal pattern)
   Fr. Boyle suggested that we should get the first 20 chairs re-upholstered. John Graham and Paul McBride will deal with this.

4. Items 4 and 5 of the previous meeting minutes, "*installing radiators in the Church Hall*" and "*the sale of superfluous kitchen equipment*" were put in abeyance. Further discussions on these topics will take place at a future meeting.

5. Front Facade

a) Fr Boyle informed the committee that Ken Crilley was willing to attend a meeting to discuss the proposal to replace the doors and glass on the front elevation of the Church. Fr Boyle will confirm a date with Ken and inform those who are available to attend.

b) Two options for the glass replacement were discussed. Further discussion will take place on this topic at the Parish Council Meeting on 8th February 2018. A notice to this effect will be placed in the Parish Bulletin.

c) It is believed that the parish of St. Vincent's, Thornliebank have had similar improvements done at the front of their Church. Paul McBride has agreed to visit this site and take photographs of the finished work.

6. Sale of Land

The Knights of St Columba have approached the Parish regarding the possible sale of the land facing onto Hillington Road South. The Parish own the access road and the side verge, while the K of SC own their building and the land behind it up to the trees at the rear of the Chapel House. Their proposal, if we agree to be involved, would, in the opinion of Ken Crilley, be worth in the region of £60,000 to the Parish. This would be approximately a third of the total sale value of both parcels of land. Fr Boyle pointed out that if we agreed to this proposal, parishioners would lose the very convenient access to the Church from Hillington Road South. There may also be issues regarding a public 'right of way'. This topic will also be discussed at the upcoming Parish Council Meeting. A notice outlining this proposal will be placed in the Parish Bulletin.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting Thursday 8th March 2018 @ 7.30pm