Meeting 21

OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 7 May 2019

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**
   a) After repaying a further £20,000 of the bank loan the closing balance of the Main Parish Account stood at £13,000. The Hall Account for the same period closed at £9,000.
   b) Father Boyle issued the meeting with a detailed statement of the annual Income / Expenditure breakdown for the period April 2018 – March 2019.

2. **Bar Staff**
   Kathleen McGowan stated that she and her daughter would be willing to undergo the required training in order to work in the Bar. Kathleen intimated that she would be willing to assist in the Bar on a voluntary basis.

3. **Church Pews**
   Father Boyle indicated he is considering providing cushions for the pews in the Church. He has received a quote from a company that would provide these at a cost of £8.00 per linear foot. Other quotes are being pursued.

4. **Windows**
   Paul McBride requested if consideration could be given to having some sort of religious motifs to decorate the blank panels between the new windows in the Church.

5. **Utility Charges**
   a) It would appear that the Parish is being overcharged by our water supplier Business Stream. Mary McHugh at the Archdiocese is investigating and pursuing a refund.
   b) Fr. Boyle explained that part of the problem/confusion arises because the Church Hall has a full drinks licence as opposed to an occasional licence. He suggested that it may be better to operate using occasional licences only. Paul McBride raised the point that doing so may cause problems with regards to funerals and other Hall lets given at short notice.

6. **Health & Safety**
   Fr. Boyle informed the meeting that he still awaits the report from the Archdiocesan Health and Safety Officer.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next meeting: Tuesday 13 August 2019 @ 7.30pm.