Meeting 23

OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 22 October 2019

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

The meeting began with a prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

1. **Parish Finances**
   The financial statement up to the end of September 2019 showed the closing balance for the Main Parish Account stood at £16,704.47p. This was taking into account the sum of £1542.08p for cheques still to be presented. The Hall Account for the same period closed at £12,268.27p. It was agreed that overall the financial position was encouraging although Fr. Boyle did inform the meeting that some very large outgoing expenses were due in the coming months. (Building/content insurance, new cooker for the Hall, repair of gas safety system in Hall kitchen etc)

2. **Church Pews**
   Cushion samples and estimate costs from The Church Cushion Company were examined and discussed and comparison made with Thistle Upholstery estimates. No decision has been made as yet. Kathleen McGowan will investigate the possibility of manufacturing these cushions in-house.

3. **Bar License**
   Fr. Boyle informed the meeting that he had renewed the Full Bar License for a further year. Paul McBride stated that their is a possibility that the cost of applying for an Occasional License may be dramatically increased in the near future. John Graham will contact Councillor Elaine McSporran to see if and when this is likely to happen.

4. **Assistant Hall Manager**
   No deision as yet although Fr Boyle stated that he believed that whoever i appointed to this role should have obtained a Personal Drinks Licence. Fr Boyle hopes that Robert Thomson and Clare McGowan would be willing to undergo the reqired training to obtain such a licence.

5. **Trees**
   Fr Boyle informed the meeting that he has obtained a quote of £2000.00 for the partial felling of the trees at the back of the Church. It was agreed that this was a reasonable price and the work will be carried out over the winter months.

6. **Hand Rails**
   Paul McBride provided illustrations and estimate costs for several types of handrails that may be suitable for the Alter. Prices ranged from £69.99 for a basic model and rose to over £200.00 for handrails of better quality. Fr Boyle suggested contacting the firm which has done similar work for Paisley Archdiocese.
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The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 28 January 2020 @ 7.30pm