Via Zoom

OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee
Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 16 March 2021

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

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Matters Arising:

a. Cellar pipes in bar have been cleaned.
b. Barry Freel has agreed to inspect and provide estimate for the required work identified by the Electrical Safety Inspection.
c. Fr Boyle informed meeting that the Electrical Safety Inspection cost £806.00.
d. Re-upholstery of remaining chairs in the Hall – no further action at this time.

1. **Parish Finances**

(i) The closing balance for the Main Parish Account at the end of February stood at £44,319.42*. For the same period the Hall account closed at £11,511.00*.

*Since we moved to a new utility provider the charges for gas and electricity for the hall have been charged to and paid from the Main Parish Account. Once this is rectified some minor adjustments to the above figures will be required.

(ii) Fr Boyle informed the meeting that he had contacted the Archdiocese suggesting that the Hall Account should have two signatories for any cheques issued. One signatory being the Parish Priest and the other being a member of the Fabric and Finance Committee. The Archdiocese agreed that this would be acceptable. After discussion Paul McBride agreed to be the second signatory for the Hall Account.

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2. **Church Pews**

Kathleen McGowan has been unable to contact the company that supply cushion foam. She suggested that we should just go ahead with the original supplier,Thistle Upholstery. This was agreed. John Graham will measure the pews and inform Kathleen of the sizes required.

3. **Environmental Concerns**
   Fr Boyle raised the issue of developing a long-term strategy for the Parish with regards to climate change. He suggested that the location of the Church building was iideal for the possible installation of solar panels. He believes that St Columbkille's, St Robert's and St Roch's already have these panels installed. It was accepted that this proposal merited further investigation and consideration.

4. **Hall – Fire Safety**
   It was agreed that we would ask Barry Freel to inspect and repair the alarm adjacent to the cellar door in the Hall.

The meeting closed with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 18 May 2021 @ 7.30pm