OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 23rd August 2022

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. **Bicycle Racks.**

   Kathleen McGowan issued an update on the correspondence with Transport Scotland. The type of rack recommended by them was the 'Sheffield Bicycle Stand'. The cost of these is approx £40 -£50. Two locations for these racks have been identified; at the southern side of the Church and also at the back of the Church Hall. Paul McBride has agreed to take this matter forward.

2. **Finances**.

   (i) At the end of July 2022 the Main Parish Account closed at £109,122*. The Hall account for the same period closed at £24,100.00
   (ii) The error of £6,000 relating to the Gift Aid Scheme has now been paid into the Main Parish Account. It is included in the above figure as shown in (i).
   (iii) The Annual Archdiocesan Levy has still to be deducted from the Main Parish Account. This is estimated to be around £45,000 and is due to be paid around Oct/Nov. It will be shown in the next published accounts.

3. **Cushions**

   Twelve new cushions for thes in the Church have been purchased at a cost of £1008.00.

4. **Solar Panels.**

   Kathleen McGowan informed the meeting that she has arranged for a contractor, Mr Graeme Kerr of 'Weatherface', to come along for a site visit and give advice and information re. the fitting of Solar Panels.

5. Knights of St Columba

Fr Boyle stated the the Supreme Knight of St Columba will visit the Parish for a meeting on Thursday 6th September at 11.30am. The purpose of the visit is unclear but it appears he wishes to discuss 'property'.

6. Hall Matters.

(i) It has been noted that the Hall shutters cannot be opened manually in the event of a power cut. Paul McBride and John Graham will investigate.

(ii) It was agreed to hold off purchasing a replacement chiller cabinet for the bar while Paul McBride investigates if it can be repaired.

(iii) The locking handle in the disabled toilet is broken with bits missing from the assembly. John Graham has agreed to have an attempt at repairing this.

(iv) With the soaring cost of energy Fr Boyle informed the meeting that the most recent charges for electricity were as follows:

Hall:	£120.00*
Church:	£ 33.64
Parish House:	£ 32.23

(v) In the coming weeks, John Graham will place notices in the Parish Bulletin re. the 10th anniversary of the Hall, requesting ideas and suggestions from groups and parishioners on how this can be celebrated.

The meeting concluded with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th November 2022 @ 7.00pm