OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee

Minutes of Meeting of Tuesday 8 November 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. **Finances**.

   (i) At the end of October 2022 the balance of the Main Parish Account closed at £129,061.95.
   (ii) For the same period the Hall account closed at £25,496.46.
   (iii) The Annual Archdiocesan Levy has still to be deducted from (i) above. The sum to be deducted is roughly estimated at around £45,000.

2. **Gift Aid**

   Kathleen McGowan has agreed to undertake the organising/supervision of the Parish Gift Aid Scheme. She is currently liaising with Alex Buik and the Archdioces in transferring and updating data. Discussion on how to increase parishioner support ensued. Suggestions included a series of notices in the Parish Bulletin and presentations at the end of weekend/Sunday Masses.

3. **Solar Panels.**

   Subsequent to the recent meeting with Graeme Kerr we have received recommendations and cost estimates from Weatherforce Ltd regarding the installation of Solar Panels. The F&F group are of the opinion that we should pursue this further. It was agreed that a further meeting with Graeme Kerr would be appropriate. John Graham will make arrangements for the meeting to be held.

4. **Hall Matters**

   (i) The roller shutter at the emergency fire door located at the Bar/Kitchen corridor is not working. Fr Boyle and Paul McBride are working heroically to repair it.
   (ii) Still not resolved how to manually open the Hall shutters in the event of a power cut. Paul McBride and John Graham will continue to investigate.
   (iii) A new chiller cabinet is in the process of being purchased for the Bar.

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5. AOCB.

(i) Floor tiles at the front of the altar are dangerous and in need of repair.
(ii) Gutters require cleaning at garages/ flat roof/Barbara's office and the Hall.
(iii) The Parish stall in the Porch is not working. Suggestions on how it could be made more attractive to Parishoiners to use are required.

The meeting concluded with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 7th February 2023 @ 7.00pm