OLSG Fabric & Finance Committee

Minutes of Meeting of 23 November 2023

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

The meeting commenced with a prayer.

*Minutes of previous meeting read, *amended and approved*

** 2 Electrical Work*

(ii) last line should now read :-

"Cost of remedial work and issuing of certificate amounted to £792.00"

1. **Finances**.

(i) The closing balance of the Hall Account at the end of October stood at £24,528.56. A total of £2,400 was donated to three local primary schools. Water/Utility charges of £1612.46 plus a Diocesan levy and National Contigency Fund contribution of £5924.00 have also been paid out since our last financial report.

(ii) The Main Parish Account for the same period had a closing balance of £44,476.25. A monthly standing order of £4,900 has been set up to pay of the Archdiocesan Levy.

(iii) Kathleeen McGowan informed the meeting that over the last half year Gift Aided contributions amounted to £26,096.44. This compares to £26,044.43 for the same period last year. There are currently 114 parishioners who donate using Gift Aid. The long term aim is to encourage many more parishioners to contribute via Gift Aid.

2. **Drain Cover**

Fr Boyle reported that the drain cover in the Church car park has collapsed even further and needs repairing. Paul Duffy will be contacted in the first instance. If he is unavailable another contractor will have to be sourced.

3. Painting & Decorating

Fr Boyle stated that some areas in the Parish House and trhe Church required some remedial attention. He has contacted painter & decorator Mr Stephen Duffin regarding this matter.

4. AOCB

(i) **Gates**.

Discussion regarding the restoration of the gates that used to be the old hall took place. Robert Thomson agreed to have a look at them and consider what could be done to restore them.

(ii) **Deanery.**

Fr Boyle informed the meeting that Fr Martin Keane will submit The Deanery Parish Assessment Report to the Archdiocese on 20 November 2023.

The meeting concluded with a prayer.

Next Meeting: Thursday 22 February 2024 @ 7.00pm