



St Benedict's Parish

"A Place to Grow"



ST BENEDICT'S CHURCH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 2014

Present: Susan Blackburn (Chair) Karen Collins (Prayers)
Fr Gerard Karen Derbyshire
Rena Paul

1.0 Welcome

Susan (chair) welcomed all present to the meeting and received apologies and absences.

2.0 Opening Prayer

Led by Karen Collins

3.0 Apologies for absence

Trish, Joanne

4.0 Approve the minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as a true record.

5.0 Development of a Peace Garden

The option of a Willow Craft Workshop was discussed. The sustainable aspect of this activity was considered to be integral to what the group would like to see for the garden. A suggestion of linking a Church/Parish to existing School Works of a similar type was welcomed; the activity would be open to parish and church groups in addition to involving the school, specifically the School Gardening group and School Council. The costs for a day inclusive of materials £220 would come from the 200 Club funds.

Action: Susan to contact Dolphin Design to identify possible dates for the Willow Craft activity during the Early Autumn School term and advise.

A further suggestion of a Parish Mosaic for the Peace Garden was raised.

Action: Susan is aware of a possible community based organisation which may be able to assist with this and so will approach and advise.

6.0 Update on Live Simply

Trish has written to all Parish groups suggesting an audit of their activities linking to the Live Simply Project to identify strengths and areas to be developed towards the award application process.

Karen advised the group of a project in School where each child will be given a bottle of water introducing water aid project, and its work. Children are then to try collect loose change within their households for donation to the project.

Church Font – Water sustainability; Gerard advised that builders have looked at, and will advise on the most suitable approach to enabling the font to run more efficiently.

Action Point: Gerard to follow this up.

7.0 New Covenant with the Poor – distribution of funds

Applications were received from CAFOD, Cultural Exchange in China, NET, SVP and a Columbian Choir. Available to be distributed £1500

Lengthy discussion regarding the various requests focussed on the merits of each of the causes and their relationship to the ethos of our Church community. It was considered more information was needed regarding the work of the Columbian Choir prior to award; the remaining requests were awarded equal split of the funding with £750 towards International and £750 towards Local Causes.

Action Point: Gerard to take this award decision to the Parish Finance group, and to ask Margaret Chambers for more information regarding the Columbian Choir.

8.0 Youth and Support ministries

To be discussed at the next meeting.

9.0 Next steps action plan with the above

Several meetings of the PPC have now taken place and it was considered that to progress matters each agenda item will carry an Action Point. The group welcomed this suggestion.

AOB –

Altar Servers: Letter to be sent to all KS2 Children to encourage and promote joining this ministry.

Security: Gerard to look into installation of a panic button at the entry to the house.

Christmas Masses: To be raised at next meeting.

10.0 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 7.30pm

Chairperson – Karen Derbyshire

Prayers – Rena Paul