

Minutes of the Church Committee Meeting

Thursday 20th July 2023 at 7pm in the Parish Church

1. Fr R opened the meeting with prayer
2. Apologies for absence: none. Present: Fr R, DC, GR, JM, RP, CD, EG, JP, MH
3. Minutes of last meeting accepted and signed as correct
4. Matters arising
 - Glass sign not available so DC has asked for a refund (approx£300). Will ask other printers, eg Humphreys in Denbigh.
 - Need help for erecting Marquee for Holiday Club -DC to arrange.
 - NO Japanese Knotweed in the churchyard after all.
 - **New item** -large piece of tree in Mount road cemetery. DC has tidied up fallen section but rest needs to be removed. Quotations received of £1000, £720 and £750. Agreed to use £720 quote.
Other ash trees affected but don't need felling now. Discussed getting a report. Agreed to leave with DC to arrange a contractor. Written or verbal report no decision.
5. Mission & Outreach:
 - a. LYCiG Group good progress. Website has been changed as Fr R wanted. Blank pages at present while it is revised. So please check and let Fr R know of gaps or inaccuracies. Fr R plans to take time in August to work on the website.
 - b. Discussed 2 Sunday service leaflets and have the colour of one, to help differentiation but have since discovered that colour is not helpful for the visually impaired.
 - c. Main item for next agenda -Christian Basics Course and need to discuss how to get people to come.
 - d. Welcome & Growth-
 - e. Pray for 2 project: we are invited to pray for 2 people over the summer to come to faith
 - f. Messy Church Summer Holiday Club- helpers needed please. £400 grant being applied for but wont be available until October

g. Bread of Life- nurture course over 5 weeks starting in autumn. Will be starting 11.10.23

6. Finance Update

New government help coming soon, hopefully in time for the next annual gas contract. Will be a price increase anyway which will only affect Oct-Dec for 2023 finances.

GR produces his own spreadsheet from Jackie's figures. Attributes donations and grants to original source even if they get moved internally to keep track of income.

Giving gone up in general

DC asked about phase 2 and solar panels and batteries. Discussion included:

- Wisdom or not of interfering with an ancient roof before it is necessary, as we don't have any problems now. Quinquennial report awaited this year.
- Concern expressed about whether the roof is in sufficiently good condition to take the work safely (as a solar panels only project), as if not, we could find ourselves in an unplanned and difficult situation.
- Clear benefit of reduced electricity costs, but without installing batteries, the time to recoup installation costs is enormous now that the feed in tariff is so low.
- Benefit of whole roof replacement at the same time as solar panel placement means that insulation could be inserted at the same time with obvious revenue benefits by heat loss reduction.
- Changes in roof height might involve DCC planning as well as DAC approval.
- Gas is more expensive at present than electricity and solar panels wont help with that.
- Need to find other churches that have done it.
- Differences of opinion as to whether "phase 2" was ever formally agreed as such and needs to progress .
- Fr R agreed that DC could find out costs of solar panels for information.

7. Hiring Agreement and Charges: DC thanked for revision of the document which will be passed to all hirers, and will be effective from 1.9.23.
- Increased charges -a little.
 - Discussed short notice cancellations especially involving catering. EG is writing T&C for catering to go with the main document.
 - Rewriting terms and conditions:
 - Moving chairs: Hirers mustn't do as they will be put out and definitely must not move tables
 - The sanctuary area and chapel are out of bounds unless special permission granted by Fr R.
 - Community involvement on facilities management group: Joanne Ellison has agreed to join.
 - DC updating docs and will send to Fr R for wwww.
 - EG doing T&C for catering side.
8. New Lectern Leaflet holder mostly paid by Kentigern guild. Table paid for by John Knowles legacy. All agree we need a lectern to match Furniture. The lectern will be paid for from John Knowles' gift. Need to ensure stability. Fr R to discuss again. Cost may vary slightly after further discussion. All agreed to progress this.
9. Future Events:
- Coffee Morning 29th July for St Kentigerns.
 - Harvest Lunch on 9th October
 - Christmas Coffee Morning fund raising for church 9th Dec . Agreed to have a santa.
 - No service in Parish Church on 10.9.23 as Civic Service again in cathedral.
 - Remembrance Sunday- have a service on 11.11.23 is Saturday tea time.
- a. Dates of future meetings: 21st September, 16th November, 25th January 2024 (No meeting in Lent 2024)
10. A.O.B. None.
- The meeting closed with the Grace

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