

**STM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Minutes 20 March 2019**

**Meeting opened:** 7:19pm

**PPC Members:** Mariel Adams, David Broom\*, Marysa Coulter, Neil Dawson (Chair), Tim Hackwell, Rosemary Farrow, Father Darryl\*\*.

**Secretary:** Sue Morris

1. **Opening prayer:** Neil Dawson.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Kevin Burnham. Father Darryl and David Broom had apologised prior to the meeting for their late arrival.

3. **Matters arising from previous meetings**

The minutes of the previous meeting held 20.02.19 were circulated prior to the meeting. Matters arising not covered under separate agenda items were:-

- **Parish health and safety representative**

There was an ongoing action from the July 2018 meeting for members to think who could be asked to take on the role of Parish health and safety representative.

**Ongoing action: Neil Dawson** to ask Steve Ferris to approach the suggested person to see if they would be willing to take on the role.

- **Website**

**Ongoing action: David Broom** to see if the PPC minutes on the website can be re-organised so that the newest minutes are at the top of the list.

- **External doors**

Steve Ferris had left some images of a suitable door for the PPC to look at. The PPC approved the design. The cost was reported to be under £3K. Father Darryl informed the PPC that the Parish could apply to the Diocesan Development Fund to cover the cost. Previously it was thought that the "Living Our Faith" funds could be used but Father Darryl said that those funds would probably have to be used to pay STM's share of the cost of retaining the services of Richard Martin.

**Action: Father Darryl** to talk to Steve Ferris about funding.

- **Sound system**

The changes made appear to have solved the problem.

- **Cleaners**

**Ongoing action: Neil Dawson** to talk to Father Darryl about an item in the newsletter asking for volunteers to come forward to clean the church and also to enrol additional Eucharistic Ministers.

4. **Parish**

**"Inreach" bible study group**

Neil Dawson reported the success of the initial sessions and thanked David Broom for his organisation and Father Darryl for his input. Fourteen people attended the first week and twelve people the second week.

**Youth involvement and activities**

It was reported that "youth" is on the agenda of the next EST meeting (21.03.19). Regret was expressed at the lack of teenagers at Mass and the loss of Will Hince who co-ordinated activities for young people in the pastoral area. It was recalled that First Holy Communion candidates used to be encouraged to read and welcome people to Mass.

**Action: Neil Dawson** to circulate the EST paper.

**Action: Tim Hackwell** to email Father Darryl outlining the roles the First Holy Communion candidates used to take in the past.

**Update on financial picture in the Parish**

Steve Ferris had provided a financial update which was circulated at the meeting detailing the income and expenditure from September 2018 to the end of February 2019. Steve Ferris is encouraging people to pay by standing order so that the church still receives income even when people are not at Mass. STM's share of the cost of employing Richard Martin will be about £3K.

## **Social activities**

### **Social evening**

A social evening has been planned for the evening of 22.06.18 to celebrate STM's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Marysa Coulter has spoken to Tinderbox and asked them to perform 2/3 songs and is waiting to hear if they are able to come on that date.

### **Ordinariate**

Nothing to note.

### **Music during Mass**

Tim Hackwell has discussed this with the musicians.

5. **Diocesan**

Nothing to note.

6. **Pastoral area**

Father Darryl said that he thought that there was no longer a youth ambassador in the Pastoral Area.

The next Pastoral Area meeting is 21.01.19.

**Action: Neil Dawson** to circulate the email from Richard Martin giving an update of his activities.

There is a Pastoral Area Reconciliation service on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne. This was announced in last week's newsletter.

7. **Correspondence**

Father Darryl has received a letter of thanks from Father Angelo.

8. **AOB**

### **Parish strategy**

It is important to get more people into the Parish and to engage those who do attend. The ministry of welcoming was deemed to be very important and everyone was encouraged to approach anyone new to the Parish and to make them feel welcome. A discussion ensued about the reasons why people come to Mass and their expectations.

**Action: Neil Dawson** to circulate the notes on welcoming from the last Pastoral Area meeting.

**Action: Neil Dawson** to compile a note for the newsletter and a list of jobs that need doing (with space to enable people to volunteer to do them) for display at the back of the church.

9. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 15 May 2019 at 7.15pm

10. **Refreshments for next meeting:** Tim Hackwell

11. **Closing prayer:** Father Darryl.

Meeting ended at 8.48

\* *David Broom joined the meeting at 7.30pm*

\*\* *Father Darryl joined the meeting at 7.22pm*