

STM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes 15 May 2019

Meeting opened: 7:23pm

PPC Members: Mariel Adams, Marysa Coulter, Neil Dawson (Chair), Tim Hackwell, Rosemary Farrow.

Secretary: Sue Morris

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

2. **Apologies for absence**

David Broom, Kevin Burnham, Father Darryl.

3. **Matters arising from previous meetings**

The minutes of the previous meeting held 20.03.19 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.

- **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. A discussion on cleaning ensued.

Action: Neil Dawson to draw up a list of cleaning jobs which will be displayed at the back of the church and Parishioners will be invited to sign up to help.

- **First Holy Communion**

Tim Hackwell has given Father Darryl an outline of the roles the First Holy Communion candidates used to take in the past. It was commented that perhaps the number of children taking their First Holy Communion this year was too many for one Mass as it was very noisy and some of the attendees lacked respect. It was recommended that when the numbers are known for next year that splitting the group is considered.

- **Refurbishment of toilet**

Tim Hackwell was congratulated on the refurbishment of the toilet and washroom.

4. **Parish**

“Inreach” bible study group

This was well attended all through Lent and participants have agreed to carry on holding the sessions on the last Friday of each month.

Youth involvement and activities

Nothing to note.

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 April 2019.

At the last meeting Father Darryl informed the PPC that the “Living Our Faith” funds (that were going to be used to pay for the doors) would probably have to be used to pay STM’s share of the cost of retaining the services of Richard Martin. It was reported that this would be in the region of £60 per month and it was understood that Steve Ferris has only committed STM to pay for this for one year.

It was noted that a proportion of the standing orders is added to the Easter and Christmas offerings for the Parish priest.

Social activities

Social evening

A discussion took place about the social evening that has been planned for the evening of 22.06.18 to celebrate STM's 80th anniversary. It was agreed that a charge of £5 a ticket for adults and no charge for children would be reasonable and would include food and entertainment. A tombola with 80 prizes was suggested. Marysa Coulter agreed to ask her contact about attending to perform some magic tricks. Father Darryl's daughter has agreed to perform.

Action: Neil Dawson to put an item in the newsletter at the weekend.

Action: All to look for little gifts for the tombola.

Action: Marysa Coulter to circulate the draft of a prayer card.

Harvest supper

This is usually held in September.

Action: Sue Morris to add to the agenda of the next meeting.

Ordinariate

Nothing to note.

5. Diocesan

Members were invited to read the article in the latest edition of the Viva Voce (which replaced the Portsmouth People magazine) which explained the work going on at the Sacred Heart oratory in Bournemouth.

6. Pastoral area

The last meeting was held at STM. Mariel Adams reported that the emphasis of the meeting had been on welcoming. A server at Our Lady Queen of Peace has been invited to attend the next PPC meeting to discuss youth involvement. The bible sessions that have been recently held were said to be very worthwhile and it was suggested that there might be enough interest in the Parish to hold sessions at STM.

Action: Neil Dawson to contact Richard Martin to see if he would be available to hold sessions in the Parish.

7. Correspondence

Nothing to note.

8. AOB

Nothing to note.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26 June 2019 at 7.15pm

10. Refreshments for next meeting: Mariel Adams

11. Closing prayer: Father Darryl.

Meeting ended at 8.17