

Holy Family Catholic Church

(Freckleton and Warton)
1 Lytham Road, Warton, Preston, PR4 1AD

Parish Council AGM
26 October 2010 at 7.45pm

Present

Rev Peter Burns (Parish Priest), David Allman, Hayley Benyon, John Catterall, Josie Catterall, Jan Courtney-Whiteside (minutes), Denise King, Peter McGuinness, Louis Rigby, Sally Sutton, Joe Whiteside, Bernard Whittle (chair).

Apologies John Forster, Linda Forster, James Maloney, Helen McDowell, Cath Potter Colin Reed.

1. Opening Prayer

Father Peter opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. Welcome

Bernard welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of 2009 AGM approved.

4. Chairman's Report

Bernard reported that the Parish was now working more closely with St Peter's Church and that a representative from each was attending the other Parish's meeting. We had not had a good response regarding the joint event with St Peters; this will be discussed at a later date and we will advertise it.

The church has good relations with the school. The collections are up and we are fortunate to have a good range of volunteers. The website is always kept up to date and many thanks went to Helen for the website ad booklet.

a. Finance Report

No.1 account (general matters) status as at 29th August 2010 - the current F/Y opening balance (5th April 2010) was £8,736; total income (YTD) is £16,944; total expenditure (YTD) is £13,785 and the current balance is £11,895. The income (YTD) is almost on budget and the expenditure (YTD) is below budget.

No 2 account (building fund) - the current balance is £8,921.

No.3 account (500 Club) - there are 139 members, the total gross income has been £2,755, the net income will be £1,375 and £1,380 will be paid as prize money.

b. Property Report

We recently conducted both Health/Safety and Fire risk assessments of the Hall. All actions arising have subsequently been completed and hence we are compliant with the applicable regulations.

In F/Y 2009/10 £8,834 was spent on the Property. Of this, £3,080 was spent on the Holy Spirit symbol in the Church; £2,240 on the Sacristy Cupboards etc.; £1,776 on fireplaces, carpets, the Church brochure and the new 'Loop System Amplifier' and £1,151 on creating a lounge/communications facility for group meetings in the Presbytery.

£10,116 has been spent in F/Y 2010/11. The ten church pendant lights have been ordered, are in manufacture and will be delivered in November; these will be fitted before Christmas and to date we have paid £9,319, this being half of the total cost. £2,000 had been budgeted for a second entrance/exit to evacuate the Church in an

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emergency should the current entrance/porch be inaccessible but the Health and Safety officials have verbally stated that the Sacristy exit is acceptable as a second emergency exit taking into consideration the height of the Church ceiling and the time necessary to evacuate the congregation inclusive of a reasonable number of incapacitated members.

Plans for F/Y 2011/12 include major expenditure on the renovation of the Church and Presbytery barge/facia boards, soffits, gutters and drainpipes. The Presbytery dining room chairs need replacing/repairing and the Hall needs decorating.

c. Liturgy/Pastoral Report

Fr Peter wanted John Forster to help but this was now on hold at the moment due to John's ill health. The Liturgical revision of the missal will now be another 2 years and is stationary at the moment. In the past Fr Peter has taken Holy Communion out on Friday morning. It was said that visiting people of the Parish may be a way of encouraging the formation of the SVP. In April Sally's Angels are inviting the older people of the Parish to tea. Fr Peter knows who needs visitors and it was suggested that this information be shared with the Parish and that we could set up a group such as SVP.

d. Social Report

The ladies who supported the coffee mornings were always there when needed. Sally's Angels continues to have a full varied programme for girls aged 10. The Youth Group has expanded to include altar servers and girls and boys aged 9 and over.

e. Administration Report

James Maloney is in charge with Hayley Benyon assisting. Everybody is currently cleared. The guidance from the Diocese is that we should have an admin team although in some churches it is involved with the Finance Committee; it was thought that it should be kept as a separate group. The admin team consists of James Maloney, Haley Benyon, Helen McDowell and Jan Courtney-Whiteside.

5. Review and approve Constitution

There were no changes to the Constitution.

6. Election of Officers

As no nominations had been received for the position of Secretary, Linda Forster will continue in this role.

David Allman was asked if he wanted to become a member of the committee to report on the deanery. Fr P will get some guidance on the Deanery Constitution. Some aspects of the 'Fit for Mission' have been implemented and the 'Fit for Mission' for schools is working. Sally Sutton had offered to help with the 'Fit for Mission' marriage sessions. Bernard will write a letter to the Diocese if Fr P doesn't get much feedback and will invite himself along to the next deanery meeting. David said that nothing much happened at the deanery meetings.

7. Any Other Business

Haley told us about the CAFOD Christmas card appeal and said the CAFOD notice board was updated regularly; she suggested having a notice board near the pavement to advertise events.

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It was suggested that instead of sending individual Christmas cards, parishioners will be asked to donate towards a CAFOD 'World Gift' and put a Christmas message on the board. It was decided to choose the gift beforehand so people would know what they were donating towards.

The joint Christmas brochure with the Methodist and Holy Trinity was discussed, Fr P has been in touch with Jim Percival but nothing has been finalised. Bernard will liaise with Fr P and parishioners will be asked to deliver in Freckleton and Warton.

David asked if the flagpole stump could be removed.

Jan asked if the grotto lights could be switched on again, it was decided that they would be as long as they didn't attract any undesirables.

8. Closing Remarks and Prayer

Fr Peter thanked God for the guidance we had received and thanked all who had contributed to another successful year; he closed the meeting with a prayer and a blessing.

Proposed Parish Council Meetings of 2011

January 11th

April 12th

July 12th

September 13th

AGM October 11th