

St. Joseph's Parish Council Meeting
Held in St. Joseph's Parish Hall 13th January, 2008

Chairman: Fr. Ross Thompson. Ten members attended.

Apologies – Lyn Bradbury, Liz Boyes, Theresa Caddy.

1. Fr. Ross welcomed the Committee to the Meeting and opened it with a prayer.
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting - Taken as a correct record. Proposed: Eileen Gray. Seconded: Tina Barber
3. Matters Arising:

Quiz Night This clashed with another event, so was not as successful as was hoped. It should also be advertised for longer in future.

Presbytery Repairs had been completed, and the new garage door is in place. Repairs are needed to the archway between the Sacristy and house where the brickwork is crumbling. The Meeting was told costs for this, and also that more work is needed on the roof of the church. The ridge tiles need to be fixed, and we have had some quotes for this.

Apple Pie Supper It was a very pleasant evening, though not as many people attended this year.

Race Night This was a success in every way. More people were needed on the Committee, and it would have been even more successful at a different time of the year. The food left over went to Arclite.

Picture Competition Roger was thanked for doing this again. It was very hard but very good fun. English Martyrs were keen to have another and we could do ours at the same time.

Christmas Fayre was successful and there was a very good atmosphere. Though the prices could seem low, the stallholders had done this many times and knew their customers.

Children's Party. This was very successful with about thirty children. We need to think how to fund it, and refreshments are needed for the dads.

Christmas Cards The new idea of one card going on display took off slowly. People said it was a good idea, and by putting the money saved in the box provided, it was a way of giving money to those in need.

Foyer Carpets. These have been priced at Clifton Carpets, and they will cut the pieces to size. The carpets need to be lifted up so that the wheelchairs move smoothly over them, and we were sure advice would be given on this. Fr. Ross thanked Eileen for looking into this.

4. Reports from Organisations

Ladies Group. Hilary gave a report to the meeting. A cake stall raised money for the children's Liturgy Book. An Apple Pie Supper in October raised a substantial amount for the SVP. The group had been involved in the Quiz Night, Race Night and Christmas Fayre. They had social events, including a meal out, a Christmas supper at a member's house, and had been to see "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Rowntree Theatre.

Amelia House We are grateful to the Eucharistic Ministers who visit five Catholics every Friday.

Bowling Club There have been no volunteers to start it up. There was a very good social aspect to the club. A rota would be needed to put down the mats. A notice could go in the Bulletin asking for names of those wanting to start it up again.

Eucharistic Ministers. We have one new Minister – Matthew, who will be part of the teams on Saturday evening. We need more Eucharistic Ministers, especially on Saturday nights.

Summer Fayre. It was a success, and we were very lucky with the weather. Theresa had been successful in collating names, and more people were at the stallholders meeting than ever.

The Church Hall Eileen gave her report. There are four regular bookings. The Indian community have the hall booked on the last Friday of every month. There have been three children's parties. The Parish also has events in the hall regularly. There is a charge of £10 per hour, but there is a concessionary rate available.

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SVP. Tina said they have eight members. They have given out Christmas cards and visited older people, and needy families. They received Christmas cards and letters from the twinned parishes in India. One of these has had crop failure. A gift of money is sent four times a year. They will book the hall in the better weather for an SVP social event.

Lenten Lunch - 13th February at 12 noon.

Children's Liturgy. Twelve children attend with two mothers in attendance each week.

5. First Communions Date not decided yet. First Meeting with the children on 3rd February.
6. Lent and Easter It was suggested, during Lent, we should have Stations of the Cross on Thursday instead of Rosary, with Stations on Friday as usual. Fr. Ross would organise Ecumenical Stations which went so well last year, with tea and biscuits afterwards at the back of church. There is a new Lent Book available at £1
Easter Vigil The get together in the hall afterwards was well attended last year, and we will do that again with a glass of wine and small buffet afterwards.
7. Altar Wine The wine we use is quite expensive. We have permission to use anything as long as it is fortified wine. The wine suggested was approved by the Meeting.
8. Any Other Business

It was suggested that one of the Ministers with the Chalice should stand by the Sacristy door, and the other Minister should stand against the wall between the Lady Altar and the radiator. It was also suggested that there be a period of quiet after Communion until every one was seated, there could then be a short hymn.

Baptisms Some parents, whose children are wanting to go to All Saints School, are having to wait for Baptism Certificates confirming their children have been baptised. There was also an awareness of an increase in the number of Baptisms at the age of five and above, because parents wish to get their children into Catholic Schools.

Altar Servers. We need more altar servers, and perhaps a Training Programme could be put in place. It is a privilege to be an altar server. It was suggested that Servers could receive Communion at the same time as Eucharistic Ministers.

Adult Formation. This is very important and should be encouraged. There are Courses we could take part in on Websites. Readers should try to go on the Deanery Formation Course this January.

Radiators If you are too hot turn off the radiator by the top switch not the bottom switch.

CTS. Booklets It would only be feasible to provide these for sale if we had a more prominent display.

Roger offered to give a guided tour of York for fundraising, and charge £1 per person.

St. Crux Fundraising Day. - Thursday, 21st February. Deposit £75. This is a Parish event. Liz has had experience of these days, which sell refreshments, cakes and bric-a-brac. Lists would go up at the back of church, and there would be a Meeting of helpers.

Toy Box in the Assembly area. A notice will go in the Newsletter regarding this.

Mary does the Parish website, and asked for some feed back on this.

Parish Calendar It was proposed having a calendar of events, so that parish events, did not clash.

9. Date & Place of Next Meeting – in the Assembly area on 6th April, after 9.30 am. Mass.

Fr. Ross brought the Meeting to a close with a prayer..