

The Hospital of St Cross with the Parish of St Faith – Winchester

Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 11th February 2009 in the Brothers Library

Present: Murray Dixon, The Chaplain, John Fairbrother, Graham Webster, Jill Baker, Michele Brannigan, Alison Carver, Tony Carver, Anne Dolan, James Hart, Cheryl Irons, Brian Lusted, Clive McCleester, Evelyn Pringle, Colin Showell (Hon Treasurer) & Tim Stevens (Hon Secretary)

Additions/ Changes to Agenda

Thanks were recorded to Jane Lunn-Rockliffe, Frances and Simon Davies for preparing the meetings of the Parish Lent Group on each Wednesday in March.

Note was also made of the Churches Together Lenten lunches at the United Church.

Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the PCC held on 12 January were approved.

Matters arising were dealt with under other agenda headings.

Rewiring and Lighting Project Fund-raising

Festival weekend in June 2009.

Michele outlined details of the Families Day (noon - 3.30pm). Activities for children will include craft sessions, face painting, a treasure hunt and perhaps one other activity – she will ensure activities have a botanical theme and are also angled towards participation for the boys. She has already had some offers of help but more will be needed in the coming weeks. Mr Burbridge has agreed to St Faith's producing one display for the festival. The Brownies will also do a display subject to diary dates. Michele will try to arrange a 3rd display involving local children and their parents.

Laura Evans will run a Quiz Night.

Appeal.

Two substantial gifts from anonymous donors already received were acknowledged gratefully. The PCC passed a Resolution to set up a new bank account for the Fund-raising for the Rewiring and Lighting Project Appeal.

The Chairman thanked John, Alison, Anne and Michele for their work on the programme and he reviewed the proposed Appeal leaflet. A copy of Murray's speaking note is attached to these minutes. It received general approval but provoked debate on the advisability of including a Standing Order form. It was agreed that Murray should consider the points made with his team, including the experience of St Paul's, before devising a final version of the leaflet.

The PCC agreed that the Chairman be authorised to spend up to £200 on the Leaflet which would come from the Appeal funds.

Murray

Project Update

The Contractor had started work on 9th February to provide a clear church for the licensing Service on 23rd April, although there may have to be further work later on.

St Faith's School

The Head Teacher, Mr Burbridge, was welcomed to the meeting.

Coming from Romsey, he sketched his path to taking up his present role, including having taught at Peter Symonds College before returning to Primary Schools. Arriving at St Faith's, he was first appointed Deputy Head and later Head Teacher.

He explained new tactics to prepare pupils for Secondary School, to encourage the study of music with demonstrable benefits to pupils themselves and to collective worship.

He clarified changes to admissions policy in response to initiatives by Government and the Diocese, the latest going out to consultation, for Governors to decide in March 2009 and for implementation in 2010.

Mr Burbridge expressed the School's thanks for use of the church and other facilities at St Cross and their hope that this was a two-way street. The Chairman acknowledged that it was and thanked the School for its welcome contributions to parish life.

Finance

Support for St Faith's School

Murray proposed, seconded by Tony, that a donation of £500 for 2009 be made. This was approved unanimously. Murray is to write a letter with a cheque **Colin Murray**

Payment for PCC activities in the Hall

The PCC considered Tim's paper (as Chairman of the Hall Committee) asking the PCC to return to previous practice of reimbursing the Hall for the cost of PCC "sponsored" activities. The principle was agreed but there were reservations linked to the Parish's financial state, and it was therefore decided that Colin and Tim should agree final details. Afternote: Tim and Colin agreed that the PCC will allocate to the Hall account annually an amount calculated in accordance with Tim's paper, starting from 1 January 2009. £250 is to be transferred to the Hall in January and June, with any residual balance either way being settled at the end of the year. The annual allocation will only exceed £550 with the approval of the PCC.

The PCC confirmed that funds shown as Parish Hall Balances in the Balance Sheet will remain for the Hall's use unless an overriding significant reason arises for this intention to be reviewed. **Colin**

Installation Update

Sue Fairbrother is organising the evening reception, The Trustees will provide canapés. The PCC agreed to cover, if required, the cost of the wine and soft drinks, estimated at £100.

A small group met on 1 February to plan the service based on the licensing Service of James Bates. There will be a further meeting on 1 March, to which the Chairman of Trustees and the Senior Brother or their representatives are invited. The Chairman thanked John for leading this work. **John**

APCM

Preparation

The programme for revising the Electoral Roll, completing the revision, displaying the new Roll and displaying notices calling the APCM & the election of Churchwardens was delegated to John. If necessary he, the Chaplain & the Electoral Roll Officer would approve any additions to the Electoral Roll. **John Reg**

Moving Forward Together

The chairman noted that there was an ongoing action to discuss production of a Welcome Pack with Clive McCleester, which he would pursue. **Murray**

Correspondence

The PCC agreed to James Harris managing CRB Checking from now on. **John**

Electoral Roll

John reported meeting two couples, Nicola Rigden and Adrian Lang and Jon Pash and Clare Edwards, who will be applying to join the Electoral Roll with a view to being married at St. Cross.

John Casson, Electoral Roll Officer, is aware of the need to revise and display the Roll between certain dates before the APCM.

Deanery Synod

Murray briefed the PCC on Synod meetings, highlighting the plan to establish a Deanery Finance Committee to decide the Parish Share for 2010. He asked for a volunteer to consider joining the Committee.

All

Murray also encouraged attendance at the "just 10" event on 22 April.

All**Any other business**

It was agreed that the Sunday Club should display Christian Aid Lenten tasks in the church.

Alison

The PCC approved the Fête Committee's proposal to divide the proceeds of the 2009 Fete between the Parish (60%) and their proposed Charities, Emmaeus (20%) and the St Cross Church Rewiring Project (20%).

John

Dates for next meetings: (on the second Wednesday in the month at 7.45pm, Brothers Library)

Wednesday, March 11 2009

APCM Sunday, April 26 2009 (in Church after 9.30am service)