

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

Parochial Church Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2008 in the Brothers Library

Present: David Ronaldson(Chairman), The Chaplain, Jill Baker, Michelle Brannigan, Tony Carver, Alison Carver, Murray Dixon, John Fairbrother, James Hart, Brian Lusted, Cathy Secker, Gavin Smart, Graham Webster, Colin Showell (Hon Treasurer) and Tim Stevens (Hon Secretary)

Apologies: Cheryl Irons, Clive McCleester, Evelyn Pringle & Ron Stacey

Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 12 March 08 were agreed to be an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

Vice-Chairman, Officers & co-opted member

David sought confirmation that the PCC wished him to continue as Vice-Chairman during the continuing Interregnum. This was agreed unanimously.

Colin Showell was re-appointed Treasurer and Tim Stevens Hon Secretary. Senior Brother Ron Stacey was co-opted again.

Matters arising

The PCC acknowledged that the Youth Club may not have access to both rooms at the Parish Hall while existing hirers wish to continue.

Steve Pittis is unable to act as facilitator at a Parish meeting on Saturday, 24 May. The PCC agreed to postpone the meeting and the Chairman will assess alternatives with either Steve Pittis or an alternative facilitator. **David**

The draft Profile prepared by the sub-committee has been acknowledged by Bishop Trevor as a good one. See Parish Profile below.

Brian had attended the Deanery Synod meeting with Frances Davies . He briefed the PCC about the plan to hold ten evangelical meetings over ten weeks next year, branded 'Just 10', reflecting the Ten Commandments. Churches are invited to sponsor it. He has details to help the PCC to decide. Brian felt that St Faith's has other more important demands on its funds.

All

Finance

Colin reported that fluctuating demands on the Current Account require temporary transfers from reserves. Discussion resulted in the establishment of a "financial think tank" (Michelle Brannigan, Murray Dixon, Gavin Smart and Graham Webster) to suggest options for managing this requirement at the June meeting. **Colin, Michelle, Murray, Gavin & Graham**

He reported that letters of thanks have been received from many of the recipients of the the monthly charitable collections in church.

Thirdly, Colin reported that decisions by the Winchester Deanery about allocating the "parish share" have been deferred to 2010.

A debate about the need to control routine expenditure was sparked by the Verger having bought oil-fuelled candles for £700, including a suggestion that the Trustees be asked to contribute towards the cost. The "finance think tank" was asked to suggest new rules. In the meantime, it was agreed that spending over £100 per event needs prior approval by the PCC or by the Churchwardens, if urgent. **All**

The purchase of accounting software at £50 approximately was approved.

It was agreed the honorarium previously paid to Chris Jones as Assistant Organist be restored.

David,

Colin

Mission Audit

The Chairman reported that Steve Pittis will be unavailable for the planned meeting on 24th May. It was decided to postpone the meeting and seek Steve's help at a more convenient time or with another facilitator.

David

Members were asked to be prepared to discuss in some detail at the June meeting what they expect the Mission Audit to achieve. **All**

Parish Profile

The draft profile presented to Bishop Trevor is attached to these minutes. The PCC selected a short-list of representatives of the Parish from whom two can be chosen to join the team to select the new Master when details of dates and process are known. They are Anne Dolan, Murray Dixon, Evelyn Pringle, Gavin Smart, Graham Webster and Sue Woodward.

Churchwardens

AOB

Graham asked what input the PCC has to policy decisions of the St Faith's School Board. It has been established that, although the nominations of Foundation governors are approved by the PCC and the Foundation governors always outnumber other governors, they appear to act independently. It was noted that, when he was a member of the PCC, the Chairman of the governors gave periodic briefings to the PCC and wrote an annual report. These practices have ceased. It was agreed that St Faith's School should be restored to the PCC agenda.

Hon Secretary

It was agreed that Sidesmen should be properly briefed on emergency procedures. **Cathy**

Calendar

Next Fête meeting 4 June

Dates for next meetings:

(PCC normally meets on the second Wednesday of each month, except August and December)

11 June	7.45pm	Brothers Library
9 July	7.45pm	Brothers Library