

Sacred Heart Waterloooville

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th May 2011

Present:

Father Kevin, Cyril Brown (Chairman), Sister Margaret, Jane Standen, David Stretton, Christine Hartridge, Elizabeth White, Richard Barclay, Nicki Ellul-Turner.

Father Kevin opened the meeting at 7.00pm with the reading for next Sunday and prayers.

05.11.01. Speaker: Lesley Schofield, Parish Centre Management Committee.

Lesley presented Notes for Hiring document containing everything that anyone wishing to hire the centre would need to know. They had based their pricing structure on a hall in Bedhampton, which they felt was of a similar quality to that of the new Parish Centre.

Lesley stated that it would become essential in the near future to hire a part-time caretaker to be responsible for the centre when lettings commenced. Also that private hiring of the centre will begin in September.

It was also mentioned that at present the Parish Centre does not hold an alcohol licence, but maybe something they will look to in the future. Until the decision is taken to hold our own licence a local licensee will be approached to provide alcohol facilities for hirings.

Cyril asked for all comments on the document to be emailed to Lesley by next week.

With reference to the Dedication Judith asked Lesley about cutlery at the centre. Also the need to hire wine glasses on the day.

Lesley was thanked by Father Kevin.

05.11.02. Speaker: Judith Meagher. Chair Dedication Committee.

Every month Judith is producing a sheet updating Parishioners to keep them informed about what is happening for the Dedication on the 1st July. She discussed VIPs' Greeters, involvement with both schools, St Peter's and Oaklands, car parking and the catering which is being overseen by Trish Bailey. Elizabeth White is making the cake.

Father Kevin has a meeting next week with reference to organising the music and liturgy for the Dedication.

The commemorative booklet was discussed. Martin Lewis will be taking photos on 4th June at 9.30 outside the Church, of the PPC group and at various other times for all other Church related groups. These will be used to add colour and appeal to the booklet and will also be added to the time capsule.

Richard Barclay mentioned that his wife speaks fluent Italian should a translator be needed for the Papal Nuncio.

Father Kevin reported that in April and May a note has gone into a clergy publication, Ad Clerum, announcing the Dedication.

Judith spoke of a company in Southampton that may be able to provide a video link to the Parish Centre and also that a list is now in Church for Parishioners to sign indicating their intention to attend the Dedication.

The need to look into reserved seating in Church and disabled car park and seating spaces was mentioned by Cyril, along with the need to notify the police so that they are aware of the event.

Judith and David Stretton will be contacting local media radio and TV through their established links.

Sister Margaret foresaw a possible problem using the exit on the evening via the Hulbert road as they have been told that a gate will be erected around the old church for protection. However Father Kevin hopes this won't be a problem as the move from the old to the new Church will only just have taken place the previous week. He asked therefore that the gate is not erected until after the dedication.

Richard questioned what will happen in the case of bad weather on the evening. Judith said this will be brought up at the Dedication meeting next week.

Judith was thanked for her briefing and the work of her committee.

05.11.03. Apologies for Absence:

Joy Hastilow, Julie Long.

05.11.04. Minutes of the previous Meeting:

The minutes for the previous meeting, held on 03.03.11 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Elizabeth White reported that £3,750 approx had been raised from the Bamenda Sponsored Walk of which approx £340 had been contributed in our parish and added her thanks.

05.11.05 Parish Priest's Report:

HPA Proposal paper

a. Father Kevin discussed a document from the HPA proposing new Mass times affecting the 6 Churches in the area. The changes are proposed to start in September. This planning is to accommodate the possible loss of priests over the next few years. The paper proposes that the Sacred Heart will be down to two masses at the weekend, Sunday 9.30am and Sunday 6.30 pm. At this stage these are only proposals and the HPA want parishioners of all six churches to give their suggestions and reactions. This will be done by a form to be filled by the parishioners and returned.

Father Kevin produced a revised copy of the HPA Sunday Mass time's paper.

It was understood that some complications may be involved in changing Mass times; there may be implications for 9.30 Baptisms and also with regard to finance if Parishioners went to Mass elsewhere. Also some concern was raised about not having a Saturday evening Mass in any of the Churches in our immediate vicinity. Father Kevin will talk to the Parishioners affected by the changes during his homily at 6.15pm Mass Saturday, 7th May. Parish Meeting Sunday 8th May: There will only be one Mass at 10.00am Sunday morning

8th May as it will be followed by a Parish Meeting to discuss the proposals. The HPA proposal will be distributed along with a form for parishioners to complete.

b. Father Kevin was once again very pleased with the attendance and celebrations during the events of Holy week.

c. The last Mass in the old Church will take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi followed by a procession to the new Church with Parishioners carrying something from the old to the new. Father will then give Benediction.

d. Father Kevin will move to the new presbytery in early August. There will be a discussion with the finance committee next week as to what will happen to the existing one.

e. The introduction of the new Missal in September was discussed and Father Kevin gave some examples of the changes taking place in the liturgy. Clergy are going on a three day course in June.

f. 1,000 A5 copies of the Dedication Commemorative booklet have been produced by "The Graphic Design House" costing £1,300. So far this has been almost covered by £1,000 of adverts.

5.11.04 New Church Progress report:

The installation of an organ and seating is due to take place. Also training in various aspects of equipment will be undertaken.

5.11.05 Fundraising:

The Royal wedding party was a great success run by John and Nina McCormack, who put in a lot of effort and gave each child a special commemorative gift. £300 was raised. Approx. 40 children plus their parents enjoyed the event.

Cyril reported that there were 806 unique visitors to the Parish website during April and the Holy week leaflet alone was 285.

Other fundraising events:

18th June The Chiswell's Garden Party

16th July Barn dance in the new Church

5.11.06 Dates for next meetings, 7.00pm at the new Church Centre:

21st July

8th September

27th October