

ST. TEILO's with OUR LADY of LOURDES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, January 27th 2020 at 7pm

PRESENT:

Madeleine Walters	Chair
Helga Evans	Secretary
Claudiu Bulai	Angela Jones
JR Diaz	David Roblin
Kathy Kirby	
Christine Lewis	
Paul Doherty	

1. Opening Prayer

Madeleine welcomed all present. She welcomed Angela especially and said she was pleased to see her back.

Paul led the Opening Prayer

2. Apologies:

Canon Isaac, Gerry Lewis, Clare Loveluck

3. Minutes:

Madeleine asked whether the Minutes of the meeting on October 24th 2019 were a true record. This was agreed by all present.

4. Revue of the Parish Meal 2020

Madeleine stated that the meal and the atmosphere were once again a success. Parishioners who attended had a very nice meal, good company and a great quiz. However, the number of parishioners was disappointing and less than last year with a few people cancelling due to sickness or other commitments. Madeleine stressed that any cancellation after the Wednesday might not be able to be reimbursed. David Roblin said that at least 50 people would be needed to make any future meal or outing viable. It was agreed to start advertising this event earlier. The decision had to be made between giving it a miss next year or trying it again with firmer deadlines. There was an acknowledgement that it was a good opportunity for parishioners to get together. It was suggested to put it on the Agenda of the meeting around Easter time.

5. Youth Ministry update

JR and Claudiu stated that at the Christmas meeting on Tuesday, December 3rd, apart from the helpers Gail and Helga, none of the young people had turned up.

It was agreed that advertising, within the Church and outside, was necessary to attract the young people. JR had made posters for a Pancake evening on Tuesday, February 25th and it was agreed that they should be placed in and outside at both Churches (laminated and placed on the outside rails), in the school and other appropriate places. Madeleine stated that it should also be advertised on the Church website. JR will write a piece for the Newsletter and send it to Madeleine.

Helga, Kathy and Madeleine will help and Madeleine will ask Gail.

6. Social Committee

Helga reported that a Quiz Night was planned for Friday, February 28th in the Hall, and on a request from Christine Lewis, the time was to be brought forward to **7.00pm for 7.30pm.**

JR had produced a first draft of a Questionnaire for parishioners to tick the activities which they would like to have in the parish, e.g. Bingo, Cheese and Wine Night, Trivia Night, Movie Night, etc. Questionnaires will be given out with the newsletter on the weekend, February 1st and 2nd and are to be returned by February 15th and 16th. Helga would put out a collection box at St. Teilo's.

Angela commented that there was nothing musical in the first draft so some other musical social events were suggested: a sing along, an Irish Night, a concert.

It was suggested to try a Bingo Session after Easter and to have a Corpus Christi Procession this year. The difficulty of managing the canopy was remembered and it was agreed that a rehearsal would be a good idea.

7. CENSUS

Madeleine reported that Canon had raised the question of the Census and whether it needed to be updated as the last one was carried out in 2016.

Madeleine had explained that only the four people who worked on the Census last time, Haydn Blackey, Gerry Lewis, David Roblin and herself had access to the database as well as Canon Isaac. It would therefore be the same people who would work on the updating process. Madeleine would convene a meeting.

8. LENT

Madeleine reported on behalf of Canon Isaac that during Lent the following

would take place:

- Weekday Adoration before Mass;
- More opportunities to go to Confession;
- An Easter Card to be given to all parishioners and
- On CAFOD Day, March 6th, to hold a Fast Day with Bread and Cheese. Canon had asked whether this would clash with the Lenten Talks and it was felt that there would still be parishioners who would come to the lunch.

There will be six Lenten Talks at the Cornerstone on Saturdays commencing on Friday, February 28th from 10.00am to 12.00. All these items will be published in the Newsletter.

This led to a discussion of the Newsletter. It was stated that not every parishioner read it and it was commented that there was too much in the Newsletter, which often results in using small print, making it difficult to read. Quite a few people have difficulties in reading every item. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to consider ways of improving the Newsletter, maybe using colour.

9. Update on ongoing work at OLOL and St. Teilo's

- **Major Electrical works at Our Lady of Lourdes**

Paul Doherty reported that the major electrical works at OLOL had begun and will take about eight weeks. Mass on the last Fridays during January and February will be held at St. Teilo's, so as not to interfere with the Contractors deadlines. He said the work was well on target to be finished in the time given.

- **Minor Works at St. Teilo's**

Several items of repairs were identified during a property review carried by the Archdiocese and the parish Health and Safety Review.

- Removing the risk of finger traps in the entrance doors (internal and external).
- Ensuring the gaps in the railing in the stairs to the organ loft are reduced to avoid fall risks. Angelo has almost completed the work.
- Checking the stability of the Christus figure.
- Replacing the Narthex glass with toughened panes.
There should be no disruption to services at St Teilo's during the work.

Paul also reported that at St. Teilo's, a Safety Point on the drive is to be implemented for Assembly in case of emergency, and that First Aid Boxes had been ordered.

10. Any Other Business

- Chris Jones, responsible for Health and Safety in the Archdiocese had sent out a memo reporting that a child in the Archdiocese who had been leaning over lit Votive Candles had been severely burnt. Christine Lewis stated that she often had to be very careful whilst replacing new candles.
- This also raised the issue with the candles and coal at the Altar with the flame from a candle sometimes just missing the Altar Cloths. Paul offered to speak to Canon about this issue.

11. Correspondence

A long-standing parishioner had sent in a copy of a Christmas magazine, called the LINK, from another church within the Cardiff Diocese. The magazine contains all the news of the parish during the year, including people and events.

She would like to know if St. Teilo's with Our Lady of Lourdes would be interested in producing a similar magazine.

There was some discussion of the FOCUS, St. Teilo's magazine, which had run for a number of years. An editorial team produced it, comprising Frank Prendergast, Brian Whiting RIP, Nick James, Gerry and Christina Lewis and Helga. It came out twice a year, at Advent and Pentecost.

Madeleine will discuss this with Canon.

Date and time of next meeting

There was some discussion of the evening for future meetings. Madeleine explained that Canon had a commitment on Monday evening; his day off is Tuesday and he has Mass on Wednesday. She said that it was great to have Angela back but Angela cannot make a Thursday. This left two options, either to have it before or after the Mass on Wednesday or to have it on a Friday, given that it would be one Friday in two months and even then, the meetings last just one hour. It was agreed to try it on a Friday.

The next meeting will be on Friday, March 27th 2020 at 7.00pm.

Concluding Prayer

Madeleine led the concluding prayer.