

MINUTES OF FINANCE MEETING

Thursday, 16th March 2017

Attendees: Fr Tom, Colin Fisher, Eileen Moroney, Marina Berry, David Parnell, Will Carr.

Apologies: Con McHugh, Danny O'Flanagan, Pat Sheehan

1 PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Fr Tom explained, that Frank Keogh would want to retire in October and that he had had a meeting with Frank and Matthew Roddy to plan the next stage of managing the Club. Matthew would work as Assistant Manager with Frank from 1st May 2017 with a view to taking over responsibility fully in September. Frank would continue work at the Centre, but in an advisory role that did not involve dealings with the general public or any evening work. **This matter to remain confidential until May, when details will be shared with the Parish in the Parish Newsletter.**

Matthew has had experience in hotel management and conference work, as well as being a licensee. He is a member of the Parish and a regular Mass goer. He is used to the long hours of the license trade and is looking for opportunities to work locally and in the Catholic community.

2. SPORTS CENTRE

The Parish would be looking for Grants to support the activities of the Boxing Club and to improve the building at St Augustine's. The Diocese would help with these applications.

3. GIFT AID

Eileen reported that the Gift Aid envelopes were now ready for distribution over the next couple of weekends. This will be an opportunity to gently promote the scheme. We will look at promoting the Future Fund in September after the summer break.

4. FEEDBACK FROM PARISH AUDIT

Fr Tom said that the Audit on Ash Wednesday had gone well. We need to record the loose collection at St Augustine's separately to qualify for the extra allowance from the Inland Revenue offered for each Mass centre. Colin had records of this from the past and it would be simple to amend our forms. The Club could ask for change but this was to be carried out by Frank Keogh and the collectors were not allowed to bring money across the car park.

5. ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURN

Will was working on the abridged version for the Parish Report. He reported that again this year there would be a surplus and with the Bank balance already at £150k we should think of investing £70k in the Diocesan Unit Scheme. The balance at present is approximately £450k. Fr Tom will send a cheque for £70k to the Diocese for the next round of investments.

6. NEW HEADTEACHER AT CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

The Governors would be interviewing for a new Headteacher on Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd March. Their decision would hopefully be ratified on the evening of Thursday 23rd March.

7. PLANS FOR CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL

If the school were to move to one site on Scots Lane, the Parish would like to look at development opportunities at Westhill Road to see if the site could be used for sheltered housing or residential care.

AOB

Danny O’Flanagan sent papers to the meeting outlining planning for 70 + houses on Scots Lane opposite the Primary School. This on the site of the Severn Trent reservoir land may have an impact on school numbers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 22nd at 7.30pm in the Presbytery – Please let us know if this is not convenient as we have plenty of time to look at a change of date.

We will not publish these Minutes on the website until May as we want to ensure the confidentiality of the hand over at the Club