

**MINUTES OF FINANCE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2017 @ 7.30PM**

**ATTENDEES:**

Fr Tom, Colin Fisher, Eileen Moroney, Will Carr, David Parnell, Danny O'Flanagan, Pat Sheehan

**APOLOGIES:**

Marina Berry, Con McHugh

The meeting began with a prayer.

- 1 The Minutes of the last meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were circulated. Pat Sheehan mentioned that the Minutes should be a standing order item on each agenda and that we should have signed Minutes in a book for Parish records. This was agreed by all as a sensible procedure.
  
- 2 **Matters arising from the Minutes:**  
Fr Tom confirmed that Matthew Roddy had now begun to work in the Parish Centre with Frank Keogh and the planned handover in October would go ahead. Some of the details of the handover were to be finalised but all is proceeding well.  
  
The Sports Centre had applied for a grant for the Boxing Club and were looking at an Energy Grant to help with the insulation and lighting at the Centre.  
  
Eileen gave an update on the Gift Aid and we might look at promoting the scheme along with the Future Fund in the Autumn. All the recommendations on the Parish Audit had been met and Fr Tom had sent back a letter confirming this to the auditors.  
  
The new Headteacher for the school had now been appointed. Mr Peter Burke will take up his duties in September succeeding Mrs Elizabeth Burnett.  
  
Danny O'Flanagan raised the matter of planned developments near Christ the King School and Cardinal Newman School and felt that both schools might be able to benefit from Section 106 Monies, which were part of larger development permissions. This should be mentioned to the schools involved.
  
- 3 **Parish Report**  
Members were happy with the Parish Report and felt it a good vehicle for promoting the Parish. Particular thanks to Con McHugh.
  
- 4 **New Parish Sister.**  
Sister Julie had now begun her work in the Parish, focusing on St Augustine's part of the Parish. She will also work with St Augustine's school. The Parish would be asked to contribute £8,000 per annum to support her work. Members agreed to this proposal.
  
- 5 **Deanery App**  
Con McHugh has developed a Deanery App which will go live next week. Young people use apps as their most popular way of downloading information and it will be good to have information about all of the churches in the Deanery available in this format. It will run for a year's trial and then be reviewed and perhaps rolled out to other Deaneries in the Diocese.

**6 Parish Worker for Liturgy and Music**

Fr Tom spoke about the uplifting Liturgy in Lourdes and felt that this was an area of Parish life that needed improving and would benefit from professional help. It was decided to speak with all those involved with music and the Liturgy and share with them the idea of a skilled musician, who would review the music at each of the masses and see if this could be improved. The Parish would then place an advert in the Newsletter or further afield to try to appoint such a worker. The post would only be part-time, at weekends and may suit someone involved in music and performing arts, or a professional music teacher who would want to supplement their salary.

**7 Webcam**

The Webcams at Christ the King and St Augustine's have been upgraded to include digital cameras and stronger broadband signals.

**8 Signage**

It was agreed that Right of Way signs should be erected in the two entries either side of the Parish property in Westhill Road and Hollyfast Road. Fr Tom to arrange signage.

**9 Gift Aid Claim**

The Gift Aid Claim has now been submitted and the Small Donations Claim for both Christ the King and St Augustine's would be made this week.

**10 AOB**

Fr Tony Norton from Sacred Heart, had asked the Parish for a £50,000 loan for help with Church roofing to be paid back over twenty years. The members felt this was too long a period for such an agreement and decided to give the Parish a donation of £5,000 this year, to cover interest costs and the same amount next year with a review thereafter.

**Next meeting will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.00pm in the Presbytery**