

St Margaret Clitherow Parish Meeting A.G.M.

Tuesday, 12th July, 2016.

Present – Fr. Andrew, P. Vetch, P. Copeland, C. Guest, M. James, M. Keep, B. Thompson, P. Thompson, A. Davies, C. Barclay, F. Romano, V. Fattorini

Apologies – H. Ellwood, C. Ellwood, R. James, A. Sugden

Minutes from last meeting – passed as correct.

Election of Officers – There were no new nominations. The present officers were asked if they were willing to continue and were duly re-elected.

Treasurer's Report – bank balance on 30-06-16 was £2449.57 and cash in hand £46.18. A donation has been received of £100.00 from Wally Atkins' family and the bank transfer from St. Stephen's has also been received. The invoice of £2139.00 for roof repairs has been paid in full. Outstanding bills: £118.00 for boiler maintenance and £80.00 for window cleaning.

Maintenance –

- Parking/garden – PV informed the meeting that Barrie Wilkinson has proposed excavating the grassed area and filling with gravel, at a cost of £800 +VAT, rather than extending the fenced area. It was agreed that this appeared to be a better long-term solution.
- Shrub and plaque in Fr. Peter's memory – Vicky recommended a single flowered version of the Philadelphus which is noted for fragrance. G.P. Donizetti is to be asked to organise this. PV told the group that a stone plaque would cost about £100 and it was felt that this would be more appropriate than a cheaper brass version.

Recent Activities –

- Benediction and afternoon tea – Feedback from the event has been very positive and the catering was praised. BT said the only problem was the restricted movement when serving.

Future activities

- Buckden Singers' Concert – July 16th with arrangements as per previous years.
- Faith and Chips – There was some discussion re: dates and possible speakers. Suggestions for speakers: David Macha, Hanneke Dye and Ann Cryer. Potential dates: 27th September, 11th October and 25th October. Vicky added that the "fish and chips" part of the evening had proven to be problematic and felt this required a re-think.
- Dickensian – This year's event will cover two full weekends instead of the previous format. SMC Carol Service falls on the Sunday of the second week and Fr. Andrew said that the event would be included in the programme for the second Sunday. It was felt that we should adopt a low key approach to advertising because of possible difficulties in accommodating large numbers, though any visitors would be warmly welcomed.

AoB:

- Fr. Andrew informed the meeting that St. Joseph's Primary, Barnoldswick wanted to use SMC for its INSET on 2nd September. Arrangements for opening and closing the building would need to be made.
- Fr. Andrew informed the meeting that the installation of the new associate Rector would take place at 7.00p.m. at St. Wilfred's Burnsall. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Fr. Andrew said that a new format for the Week of Unity Ecumenical Service has been suggested. It was generally felt that the current arrangement has become a little stale. The clergy felt that the new focus should be on hospitality and have suggested a move to the Sunday closest to Candlemas, 5th February, when each group would participate in their own Sunday worship and then convene at the Town Hall for a Jacob's Join at 12.00p.m.
- Margaret said that Raymond is anxious about the church funds since there are now only 2 sources of income – the coffee morning and the Buckden Singers' Concert. PV said that Kate Beard is willing to have an event at the Festival and discussion followed which again outlined concerns regarding communication and remuneration problems in previous events. It was agreed that the building could be used as a venue, without an afternoon tea provision, but with a hire fee. This led to further discussions regarding the possibility of promoting the use of the church building as a resource for the local area with hire fee.
Fr. Andrew also suggested that, during the summer months, an appeal could be made for funds for the church roof and a second collection introduced for that purpose.
- The possibility was again raised of an ecumenical flower arranging event which could be organised towards the end of summer.
- HE commented – by email – about some garden issues. Shrubs close to the church needed trimming and rogue seedlings eradicated. ***GP has now been informed and the issues addressed.***
- AS has appealed for more helpers for church cleaning. This needs to be brought to the congregation's attention. Additionally, a new volunteer is needed for the flower rota as Wally had overseen this. On occasion a tactful prompt may be required to ensure that the rota is observed. Fiona volunteered to undertake this.
- CB commented that the statues of Our Lady and St Margaret appeared to be drying out and wondered whether any maintenance was possible. AS has offered to ask Peter Merrill whether any treatment is available. CB also asked whether a white board could be installed in the porch area for general notices.
- PC observed that the heating still appeared to be in use even though it is technically summer. She asked that the timer could be altered to remedy this.
- PV informed the meeting that a suggestion has been made that the two toilets should be marked as unisex. There was general agreement for this.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, 20th September 2016, following Mass at 7pm.