

SACRED HEART, NORTH GOSFORTH

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL 5th Sept 2011

Present: Fr Jim Dunne, Jo Shepherd, John Hawthorne, Flo Nilsson, Ged Downey, Sheila Cunningham, Bridget Shepherd, Laura McLeod, Susan Stoddart, Marie Miller.
Also present: Moira Potts, Connie Brewis.

1. Opening prayer

2. Introduction from the Chair

3. **Apologies for absence:** Ewa Posner, Simon Posner, Pat Palmer, Monica Jackson.

4. **Minutes of meeting** 4th July 2011 were accepted as a true record.

5. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on agenda:

The Finance Committee has agreed in principle to award 10% of expenses to those young people who volunteer to work abroad. This will be in accordance with guidelines e.g. those who contribute regularly to parish life.

6. Adult Formation:

The next programme begins 22nd Sept titled "Models of the Church". A further planning meeting arranged for 6th Oct. A quiet day in November, hopefully led by Fr.Dominic.

7. Youth update:

An afternoon event, as advertised, is being held Sunday 11th Sept. The theme is Justice and Peace - A Small World and is to be attended by the Stokle family who are about to leave to work in Burma. This is open to any young people from the Deanery.

Next year there will be 2 year groups being prepared for Confirmation.

YMT - monthly events are being held for Yr 9 pupils and above at Blackhill beginning in Oct. There are transport problems although arrangements may be made from schools.

Following her return from Uganda, Bridget has prepared an article for the parish website and will be giving a talk at Masses.

Next year Joseph Edge is going to Ghana and there will be a future item in the bulletin about this.

8. Future events:

"The Big Blue." There has been a request from parishioners for the return of this. It helps people to know what is happening in the parish and would give information to new parish members and visitors. However this would need an editor. It was suggested that if a social group such as SLOSH was set up, then this might generate the Big Blue.

Fr Jim is to ask some parishioners if they are interested in setting this up. He will also ask Bernadette if she could add the list of weekly events to the website and possibly info of past events.

There was a request for ways to mix the older and younger generations e.g. passing on computer skills.

There would need to be supervision and there would be a problem as there is no internet access in the Hall, but this would also be useful for meetings etc. The Finance committee will be asked to look into costing.

9. Time and day of meetings:

Several members cannot attend Monday evenings; it was pointed out that the younger members are studying for A levels and would lose an evening when they could be working. It was decided to revert back to Sunday mornings at 11.00a.m.

10. Any other relevant business:

The following were discussed and accepted - Carol Service with format as in previous years on 19th Dec, Stations of the Nativity before Sunday evening Mass on 18th Dec, Bereavement Service on 11th Nov.

Eucharistic Adoration preparation for Parish Mission - Joseph Edge has prepared a prayer card which will be printed soon, Moira and John will sign up more people with the possibility of only committing once a week for 3 months. It was acknowledged that the Ascent group have attended to keep this going for several years. There needs to be more publicity and possibly more Days of Reflection.

10.Date of next meeting Sunday 6th Nov 2011 11.00a.m.