

# Parish Coordinating Group Minutes

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010

Present: Fr Kieron O'Brien - Chair, Susan Line, Ged Lavery, Kathy Campbell, Geoff Breeze, Jenny Edwards, Marie O'Grady, Simon Davenport, Lena Finn (secretary).

## **1. Prayer & welcome**

**2. Apologies:** Fr Alexander, Dot Leaver, Marie O'Grady, Maria Whitehouse

## **3. Minutes of last meeting**

- Agreed
- JE requested it be recorded that the decision to cancel the Bosham Barn Dance had not been taken at the MAD meeting by its members but had been reached by some members of the MAD committee following the meeting.

## **4. Matters arising**

- **Healing Mass**  
Re - scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> July due to a funeral on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
- **Youth Worker**  
The advertisement had attracted six enquiries and two applications for the post. One was a particularly promising candidate who performed well at interview but after being offered the post, declined to take it up. Fr K felt that this was probably due to it being a part time post and therefore he was considering approaching Bognor again to see if they were better placed to share the post and expense and thereby offer a full time position. The whole process had worked well however. Fr K clarified that the position would be funded by a legacy that had been ring fenced by the Finance Committee for this project.
- **Parish Open Meeting**  
SL had been asked to inform the group that St Richard's and Bosham Welcomers and The Bereavement Group had not received invitations to the Parish Open Evening in September.
- **Papal Visit**  
SL (MW) requested a Parish Celebration and a recording of the Beatification to be shown in the Lower Parish Rooms. Fr K agreed the visit should be marked and was happy for a recording to be shown. GB agreed to record it. Fr A has a series of talks on Newman that he is happy to present.
- **The Forum**

SL (MW) asked if the Finance Committee would be attending a Forum for parishioners to put questions to. Fr K did not want to combine this with the Parish Open Evening and would set a date.

## **5. Parish Walks**

- SD reported that there had been around 40 for the St Richard to Bosham walk.
- The next walk from Bosham to the Witterings was a little more complicated. SD was planning to walk the route.
- KC had agreed the Ferry for £1 per person.
- The start time would be 2pm due to the length of the walk.
- LF to compose a revised insert for the newsletter this weekend.
- A Catholic Walking Group would also be walking a similar route that day and using the Ferry.

## **6. Adult Education**

- SL reported that Fr A would be happy to conduct a series of talks on the Infancy Narrative for Advent. This would be planned for a Monday evening starting at 7.30pm.
- FR A was also planning talks on Moral Theology for the end of July. These could be repeated if necessary.
- It was stated that the books in the BSC gallery were not accessible and it was suggested that they would be better placed in the Lower Parish Rooms. Fr K informed the Group that Francis and Gill Casey had the project in hand and should be consulted before any action was taken. He was not happy for the books to be moved to the Lower Parish Rooms.
- The Forum had been well received and parishioners had requested more. Another was proposed for October time and Fr K felt that Parish matters should be paramount which would lead to a more open discussion and may identify other subjects of interest.
- Fr K informed the Group that the Deanery is running a course to attract younger parishioners to grow the next generation of catechists, “a course for people who don’t do courses”. People would be invited personally and Fr K asked the Group for likely candidates.

## **7. Parish Day**

- Preparations were in hand but help was still needed with setting up and breaking down.
- Fr K expressed concerns about the lack of Welcomers. SD volunteered to help with this.

## **8. News from the Parishes**

- **St Peter's**  
The Fete had made a profit despite the weather. A Race Night and BBQ are planned for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July. The wine left from the Barn Dance would be sold by ticket donation.
- **St Richard's**  
The First Holy Communion had gone well with bumper numbers this year. The mood was prayerful but passive with few people joining in with the hymns even though they were well known ones. Bosham had the advantage of being with the usual Sunday Mass but due to numbers this was not possible in St Richard's.
- **Bosham**  
KC – the DVD's being shown on a Tuesday were going well.

## **9. AOB**

- **Lectern**  
SL (MW) asked for an update on the progress of the Lectern. Fr K confirmed that Keith McNally was in consultation with Cathedral Works Organisation who was liaising with Sound System Design.
- **Lights in BSC**  
The lighting in the BSC was felt to be inadequate with bulbs constantly needing replacement. Fr K agreed to bring the matter to the Buildings and Maintenance Committee as an urgent item.
- **Christmas Party**  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Hall at St Peter's.

**Date of next meeting – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at St Richard's**

**Future dates: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at St Peter's  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010 at Bosham**