

St. Quivox PPC
Minutes 17th January 2011

Opening Prayer

Present: Canon McSorley, G. Jaconelli, E. Mulhearn, C. and J. McGiveron, K. McGahon, M. McCann

Apologies: S. Campbell

Minutes: Proposed – J. McGiveron Seconded – C. McGiveron

Matters Arising: none

Correspondence: The LYRA Vocal ensemble (8-member church choir) from St. Petersburg has contacted J. McGiveron, via the parish website, regarding a possible performance while on tour in Britain.

Pastoral: 1) Christmas celebrations went very well with the “new” 9PM Mass an obvious success and will be continued in the future. There were more older and younger people attending this Midnight Mass than usual. On Christmas Day, the 10AM Mass was also full and over 100 in attendance at the 11:30. Overall, 700+ attended the services. The Christmas collection was up considerably.

2) Fr. S. Motroni will be requested to present a program for Eucharistic Ministers during Lent; a timely and important event.

3) The usual Lenten booklets will again be available, as well as the family SCIAF boxes.

Keeping Children Safe: The annual audit will be sent to Canon McSorley in March for completion.

Social/Fundraising: 1) K. McGahon, as chair of the re-launched 200 Club, reported that the response following the re-launch has been very enthusiastic and a £20 donation has been received. The collection of the annual sub will be taken Feb./June. There will be a draw in Jan. and another meeting of the committee in Feb. prior to the Feb. draw. Last year, the Club income totalled £2306.50 and expenditures £2150.

2) St. Patrick’s Night—will be held Friday, 18th March. It is hoped we will have the same entertainer as last year. No decision yet whether it will be a buffet or dinner on the night. Estimated price is £9.50. The price can be kept low, as the raffle subsidises the meal. Any profit comes from the bar and raffle.

Financial: 1) The parish has £5000 in its bank account and £25,000 with the Diocese. £85,000 have been paid out this year for the work on the church (roof). Hopefully, all major work is now complete with only minor things to attend to.

2) A letter has been received from the Diocese regarding the Retired Priests’ Fund which is at a low level. In addition to the annual collection, a levy of £1350 will be imposed on the parish in an effort to replenish the Fund; to be paid in 10 installments.

3) The Diocesan Levy for next year will increase from 15% to 20%.

4) Church collections this year showed an increase of nearly £2000 on last year.

Priest’s Report: The cooker in the Hall kitchen needs to be replaced. It has not been serviced for several years and would require a chimney. This cooker is a commercial one and will be advertised on eBay. The new cooker will be a domestic one.

AOCB: 1) E. Mulhearn reported on the Rosary Group—2 new members bring the total to 16 with a core of 10-12 attending meetings. Two of the group died last year—Nancy Bradley and Margaret Creighton. In recent years, five members have died.

Two meetings were cancelled last year due to severe weather in Feb. and Dec.

Though not a fund-raising group, donations, as usual, of £50 twice annually and 100 rosaries were sent to Fr. Hugh in Mozambique, £50 to SCIAF, and a donation to the destitute elderly in Medjugorje. Requests for prayers can be placed in the box in the

porch or given verbally to members. As well as requests for prayers for help, the group prays prayers of thanksgiving for prayers answered.

2) A Small Group meets the first Thursday of the month at Brigit Flynn's home. K. McGahon commented that the Advent book was fantastic for Small Group use.

3) J. McGiveron reported that the parish website has received hundreds of hits worldwide: Britain, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, USA. He is attempting to upload a gallery of pictures about the Papal Kneeler. A page will be added for Lent.

Date of Next Meeting: TBA

Closing Prayer

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