

PPC Meeting, St Mary's, Stonehaven

13th August, 2013

Apologies: None

Attendees : Fr Gerry, Mary Stark, Mary Nelson, Lil Wood, Fay Nugent, Davide Casabianca, Andrew Forde

Opening Prayer,

- 1) Review and approved minutes from 19<sup>th</sup> December 2012. (Copy of the minutes on-passed to all present for their information)
- 2) Welcome to the members.
- 3) New members to be recruited.
- 4) (DC) requested information on the length of time present members of the PPCM can stay in office. (Fr Gerry) replied that other than the secretary and the chairman who serve 2yrs in the post, other members serve for a period of 5yrs. (AF) suggested that the parish should be informed via the Sunday bulletin of the requirement for parishioners to become more involved in the running of the PPCM, and other posts that need to be filled on an ongoing basis. (Fr Gerry) stated the best way in the past of obtaining new members has been through personal contact.
- 5) Fabrics: Portacabins, Workshop, Soup-kitchen.  
(DC) informed the meeting of the present state of the process for acquiring 2 portacabins size 20X30 for the back of the Church. Before any further planning application can be made, it is necessary to have full details of the proposed cabins . This process is now further complicated by our requirements for 1 and/or 2 portacabins, depending on whether we can rent facilities in the locality. (DC) to contact local oil companies and supplies of Porta Cabins for lower prices and local supply, of maybe porta cabin that are no longer required by oil companies etc.
- 6) Future of Bervie centre.  
The Bervie Episcopal Church community are looking to upgrade their building. This may mean a further increase in the quarterly rent of the building. The maximum figure for renting this building is getting dearer from the Church point of view. What happens when we can no longer afford to rent this building in Bervie, should be in everyone's thoughts, so that maybe a good solution can be found, as quickly as possible to the benefit of the whole Parish.
- 7) Social promotions.  
(LW) has suggested that she is prepared to carry out the same format of raising funds, as she did last year. This includes Pre-Christmas sale of goods, silent auction, raffle tickets along with sale of Paintings and other items from local artists. (LW) has also suggested that there should be a ladies social night in the Soup Kitchen once a month. (LW) would also like to see more response from the male population in the parish, on how they can get together within the parish, on a monthly basis. Any suggestions please contact Lil.
- 8) Webpage [www.stmarysstonehaven.org](http://www.stmarysstonehaven.org) .

(AF) informed the meeting, that the webpage was been updated by Rick Kirton. It was about 95% complete. A great job is been done so far by Rick. Once the job is complete, the old website will be taken down and the new one published. With this new website, maybe more fresh information on a weekly basis can be on-passed to the local community. This will require more input from the new administrator and the local community.

9) Editor for the bulletin.

(Fr Gerry) has been doing this job since he arrived in St Marys many years ago. Anybody wishing to get more information on this job and what is required, please contact Fr Gerry.

10) The continuation of "Sunday Plus" (125 copies) and "Look" (25 copies), is in question. There are good arguments for and against the present status. Any further suggestions greatly appreciated.

11) SCIAF Rep, and VAT Overseer. Theresa Mayes is the new SCIAF rep; and Jim Bicker is the VAT Overseer. Thanks to both people for taking up these jobs.

12) Child Protection Officer.

With the imminent departure of Mary Stark we now need to look for another person to fill this post. We are all very thankful to Mary Stark for doing this job in the past. We will miss her when she goes. All our good wishes go with her.

13) AOB

(MN) advised us about the proposed "Deanery Walk" on sat 24<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in Stonehaven.

(AF) advised that he will contact Mary with maps and suggestions for the walk in the near future.

14) Closing Prayer.

The meeting was concluded at 2130 hrs approx. No date was fixed for the next meeting.