

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council of St Fergus, Forfar and St Anthony's, Kirriemuir.

Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 29 August 2023 in St Fergus Church, Forfar

- 1. Bill Flight presided.
Deacon Bert opened the meeting with a prayer.**

Welcome and Attendance

Present: Fr Dijo, Bill Flight, Michael Visocchi, Bert Miller, Maureen Jackson, Anne Cormie, Philip Jackson, Anne Pender, Helen Flight, Anne-Marie Bray, Geoff Bray, Angela Taylor, Karolina Green, Frances Hampton, Margaret McCauley, Nancy McCormack, Zo Korabiowska-Smith, Delia Hislop

- 2. Apologies:**

Martin Korabiowski-Smith, Kaye Donaldson

- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 01 August 2023**

The minutes were approved.

- 4. Matter Arising**

There were no matters arising.

- 5. Father Dijo – Superior visit from India**

Father Dijo reported that his Superior from India shall be visiting four priests whilst in Scotland and shall celebrate Mass in Kirriemuir and Forfar on 03 September, thereafter Father Dijo and his Superior shall be lunching at Deacon Bert Miller's home.

- 6. Update on Painting of church frontage - Forfar**

The current work is to be completed by 30 August 2023 and this includes the painting of the gates. The contractors were congratulated on a speedy and excellent job. A vote of thanks to Michael Visocchi for arranging the contractors, getting the new signage designed and made, and overseeing the work as it progressed. Michael also thanked Bill Flight and Father Dijo who both helped to get the work up and running. A quotation was requested from the painter for the painting of the east wall of the church. St Fergus grounds are still on the list for the Community Payback to have the grass cut, but recent cutting of the grass around the hall was carried out by Bill Flight and Alistair Cormie. Bill also repaired the outside light of the hall. Geoff Bray informed the meeting that he would be cutting down one of the trees at the gable end, to make the sign more visible, on Wednesday 30 August 2023.

- 7. Update on Children's Liturgy and Catechism**

Angela Taylor and Karolina Green informed the meeting that there was 1 child in Forfar for First Communion and 1 child for Confirmation. There were 2 children in Kirriemuir for both First Communion and Confirmation. A meeting will be held with the parents of the children involved on Sunday 03 September after 11.15am Mass in Forfar.

8. Update on Fund Raising

The Bingo night was a great success and attended by 104 people. Nancy McCormack distributed a Bingo Reconciliation statement showing the figures achieved on the evening of 18 August 2023. The total amount handed over to Father Dijo was £1243.00. Father Dijo is to check with John O'Meara about the limit on the number of people that can attend events in the hall. Nancy is happy to arrange another bingo evening at the end of November / beginning of December.

Geoff Bray reported that some parishioners, who took a number, still have to pay their subscriptions. It would be helpful if someone, who attends vigil mass could be appointed to collect the money.

9. Update on St Fergus Church Hall.

Gallowshade Group has made an application through the Community Payback Scheme to get the hall redecorated. The Jazzercise group have decided not to use the hall at the moment. The Youth Group may also not continue using the hall. A cleaner for the hall is still not in place. Bill is to speak to the Gallowshade Community to ask if anyone would be willing to do the cleaning.

10. 60th Anniversary of the opening of St Fergus Church – 19th September

Father Dijo met with Father Kevin Golden who has agreed to come and celebrate the Solemn Mass at 2.00pm on Sunday 24th September instead of 11.15am. An item will be placed in the newsletter to ask for donations of food for the celebrations after mass in the hall. It was suggested that invitations would be sent out to the new Bishop and previous parish priests, for an evening celebration in the hall, at the end of September 2024. Bill suggested making posters detailing the history of the church. Aileen Gordon is working on a banner to be unveiled on the 60th anniversary.

11. A.O.C.B.

An advert for a cleaner is to be placed in the newsletter for a person/person for the Church.

A donation was handed over to help purchase a new hoover for the church.

Kaye Cattenach's name to be changed to Kaye Donaldson on the front of the newsletter under the heading of the Safeguarding.

Friday 15th December was chosen as the date for the children's Christmas party.

A date for a party for the adults of the parish is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Father Dijo suggested having a Parish Day to celebrate mass together. St Fergus Feast Day on Monday 27 November was suggested as the Parish Day.

12. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 31st October 2023 at 7.00pm in St Anthony's Church Hall, Kirriemuir.

Closing Prayer

Fr Dijo closed the meeting at 8.40pm with a prayer.