

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

Held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 25th June in St Anthony's, Kirriemuir

- 1. Michael Visocchi presided.
Father Dijo opened the meeting with a prayer.**

Welcome and Attendance

Present: Fr Dijo, Bill Flight, Michael Visocchi, Maureen Jackson, Anne Cormie, Anne Pender, Helen Flight, Angela Taylor, Nancy McCormack, Zo Korabiowska-Smith, Martin Korabiowski-Smith, Alan Draper, Margaret McCauley, Frances Hampton, Elena Visocchi

- 2. Apologies:**

Deacon Bert Miller, Anne Marie Bray, Geoff Bray, Karolina Green
Marjory Hughes, Kaye Donaldson, John Denheen

- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 7th May 2024**

The minutes were approved.

- 4. Matter Arising**

There were no matters arising.

- 5. Report on electrical work in St Fergus**

Bill Flight reported that two plastic boxes, one in the hall and the other in the church had been replaced by metal boxes at a cost of £2500. The lighting in the altar area may need to be replaced by LED lights to make them more efficient and to brighten the area.

- 6. Update on progress on guttering at St Anthony's hall**

Michael Visocchi reported that he had obtained a quote for the guttering and drainage work. The downpipes for the guttering are to be replaced and the drainage system needs to be dug up to the main road at a cost of £5700. This work needs to be done before winter. The Diocese had agreed to let the work commence if money is available.

- 7. Report of events at St Anthony's Day celebrations**

Michael Visocchi reported that previous parish priest; Father Eugene, had attended the event, Mass was celebrated and the evening was a great success.

- 8. Update on memorial plaque for the deceased at St Anthony's**

Michael Visocchi reported that Alan Draper is liaising with Michael Visocchi Jnr to get the memorial plaque reinstated. Michael Jnr is to start working on the woodwork and Alan is to collate the names from 2006 to present day to be added to the plaque.

9. Update of children's liturgy and catechism

Angela Taylor reported that the children's liturgy had stopped for the summer holidays. Any candidates for next year are to make themselves known to Father Dijo, Angela or Karolina Green. At the moment there is only one name for First Communion. It may be that First Communions will only take place every two years.

10. New Lectionary

Anne Cormie reported that, at the recent Bishops Conference, it was announced that all churches must have a new lectionary in place before First Sunday of Advent. Each lectionary costs £695. There will also be new Sunday Missals at a cost of £19.95 and an item is to be placed in the newsletter asking parishioners to contact Anne if they wished to purchase.

11. International Mass Event

Nancy McCormack reported that an International Mass would take place in St Fergus on Sunday 8th September 2024 at 11.15am. 12 nationalities are to be approached.

12. St Fergus 60th Anniversary closing event – 24th September 2024

Bill Flight reported that he had been approached with offers of help to organise setting up of a committee for the event. The event will take place on 29th September instead of 24th September 2024.

13. Bill Flight reported that the painter who previously painted the outside of the Church had approached him and said he was now ready to paint the east side. No charge known at the moment.

14. Report on Gallowshade Community Hall Group

Bill reported that he and Father Dijo are to join a committee along with Gallowshade Community Council to open up a bank account to help fund the replacement pads for the defibrillator and to keep it going. The Gallowshade Community Council are to raise funds for the account by organising a Go-Fund-Me page. The Gallowshade Community Council show films in the hall six times per year at no charge.

15. A.O.C.B.

Martin Korabiowski-Smith asked if it would be possible to have 5mins quiet period before mass begins to let people settle. The ringing of a bell 5mins before mass was suggested as a way for people to be reflective and ready for mass. Father Dijo is to explain this from the altar and a trial period would begin. Bill reported that he, Father Dijo and Helen Flight had organised a day out for the altar servers as a thank-you for their hard work. All had a great day at Muirton.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 27th August 2024 at 7.00pm in St Fergus Church, Forfar.

Closing Prayer

Fr Dijo closed the meeting at 8.10pm with a prayer.