RC PARISH OF CROWTHORNE AND SANDHURST

Minutes of the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting held on Tuesday 10 April 2013 at 7.30m in the Parish Centre, Sandhurst

Present: Father Kevin, Lawrence Gaffney (Chair), Margaret Derlacki, Cyn Hopkins, Gwen Wiseman.

Opening Prayers

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from George and Rita.

2. Agree Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the previous meeting of 12th February were approved as a true and accurate record, except for item 4.c, where "5.g" should read "6.a", and for item 4.f, where "classes" (line 4) should read "masses".

3. Actions

8.a. Steps up to choir loft in Holy Ghost (9/10/12) – changing the current set-up would be too complex and expensive. Closed.
4.a. Liturgy - Exultet (12/02/13) – Gwen performed the "Exultet" at the Easter liturgy. Closed.
4.a. Liturgy - Dress Code (12/02/13) – Fr Kevin will ask Rita to look into a dress code for readers and ministers of the Eucharist. Closed.
7.a. Crowthorne Food Bank (12/02/13) – vouchers should perhaps be issued at the Food Bank depot. Carried forward. **(Action Rita)**.
8.a. Parish Web Site (12/02/13) – Lawrence was unable to locate photographs of all PPC members. He will send what he has and others can provide their own to Sue. **(Action Lawrence)**.

4. Parish Pastoral Update

a. Liturgy – the Easter liturgy went off well and Gwen's "Exultet" was well-received; however, the "Sweet Sacrament Divine" arrangement was less successful. The Easter Vigil Mass lasted two and a quarter hours.
b. Justice & Peace – nothing new to report.
c. Youth – nothing new to report (though see item 5.h.)
d. Social & Communication – last month's Race Night was very successful. The current programme remains unchanged (see previous minutes), the next event being the Parish BBQ on 13th July.
e. Outreach – the Easter liturgy performs a valuable "Outreach" function as it draws many non-attenders (back) to the Church.
f. Catechesis – First Holy Communion class going well; First Holy Communion Day is on 22nd June . Three families attended the last baptismal preparation course,
g. Pastoral Area – Fr Chris will be moving to a Basingstoke parish.
h. Christian Community – the ecumenical services will continue to be held on Sunday evenings despite our request for a change of day. SCT "Songs of Praise" will take place in July. Lawrence represented the parish at this year's Civic Awards Service.

5. Pastoral Initiatives Update

a. Parish Census and Database (Rita, Lawrence) – nothing new to report.
b. Induction of New Parishioners (Fr Kevin) – Fr Kevin will progress this after April.

c. Children's Stations of the Cross (Cyn) – the boards were all completed and used for the Children's Stations of the Cross - which went well. The boards will be framed and receive protective varnish for next year. This initiative is now closed.
d. PPC Awayday to Cold Ash (nr Thatcham) (Rita) – nothing new to report.
e. Parish Pilgrimage to Rome (Gwen) – 21 places are currently booked; this could rise to 23, though numbers need to be finalised quickly. The outward flight will depart at 6.50am.
f. Youth Club (Rita) – now defunct. This initiative is now closed.
g. "Year of Faith" CaFE dvd (Rita) – nothing new to report.
h. World Youth Day in UK (Gwen) – "Bright Lights" will take place at Aylesford Priory from 26th – 29th July. A "flier" and personal invitation will be sent to prospective youth for a one day participation in the event. The parish will subsidise transport and there will be a church collection to cover costs.

6. New Pastoral Initiatives: none.

7. Issues for this meeting:
a. Sign of Peace at Mass – a newsletter announcement should be made that the shaking of hands is now to be permitted as the norovirus threat has diminished. **(Action Lawrence).**
b. PPC Photographs – see item 3.8.a. (12/02/13).

8. Any other business
a. Aylesford Event – A "Year of Faith" event, "Sharing the Experience of God", will take place at Aylesford Priory on Ascension Day, 12th May. Gwen will be involved in providing the music.

9. Date and time of next meeting
The next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Sandhurst.

Closing Prayers

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

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