

Minutes re PCT meeting

in Church Hall at Immaculate Conception on 8th June 2022 @7pm

1. Present:

Merlyn Soutar, Frances Toner, Brian Martin, Julie Hughes, Iona Craig Fr Jim Lawlor, Mark Wilson, Catherine McGhie, Katie Lamb, Stephen Hayes & Eileen Low

2. Apologies:

Pauline Bradshaw & Simon Hay

3. Minutes of meeting on 27th April 2022

Accepted with any matters arising to be discussed during the other items on this agenda.

4. Matters arising:

TWMM

Iona reported on progress and developments:

- a) Database numbers remain about the same. Mail out of electronic bulletin reportedly approx 520 and opened by about 60+% of those who receive same.
- b) Wellbeing Fund - First Men's Breakfast Club - well attended with approximately 24 in attendance at Tesco Cafe on a 25th May at 9am. Propose to repeat on 23rd June same place and time and then hope there are members who will be interested in moving this forward from this point on a monthly basis
- c) Wellbeing Fund - Free Summer Breakfast Club aimed at families and more general community on Fridays and Mondays throughout the school holidays starting on Mon 27th June and concluding on Fri 12th August. Volunteering opportunity widely promoted and response has been good. Aim to open from 9.30am to set up with breakfast from 10-11.30am - tea coffee, toast cereal and hot rolls with sausages (meat and veggie on offer). Not sure how many to expect but we hope it will be warmly received and give an opportunity for communities to engage widely!
- d) Mobile Catering / Coffee vehicle. As an alternative to the elusive pop up shop, we are cautiously exploring three potential vehicles, with a view to purchasing one to "brand" and make available throughout the area in some outreach work - at events or to support any community get together, to offer free refreshments and a chance to meet and chat. Watch this space.....
- e) Barge days - 30th July x 2 sessions x 35 free places departing from Stables at Kirkintilloch for a one hour sail. Must be able to make own way to the Stables! The second date is 6th August 2 sessions x 20 free places departing from Maryhill Locks for 1 hour sail. The latter probably more family friendly? Both can be booked on Event Brite and more info re the events will be in the bulletin, on social media and via the parish website due to launch imminently!
- f) MPC Holiday club 8-12th August being opened up to include IC children. Hosting can be on either site with the grounds at IC being a bonus. 10-12noon sessions aimed at primary age children but to be hoped that older teenagers will come along to get involved and then the afternoon session can be for older children. More work needs to be done to flesh out how this might work and Iona is willing to promote at Sunday Eve mass, where potential teenage volunteers attend. Appropriate PVG checking will need to be in force from within existing church groups.

Parish calendar & Events

In addition to the events already mentioned, we are in full swing for the Fete on 18th June. Whilst it will be different from previous years, we hope to generate a buzz and continue with our community outreach. Fr J is taking some leave mid August but has managed to obtain cover from the Mill Hill

Fathers, but this may not be so easy to come by in times to come - a fact we all need to get used to.

Synod - next steps

Another spirited discussion took place! The PCT as a whole were deeply disappointed & dismayed with the response submitted from our West End Deanery. It in no way reflected the sentiments and strength of feeling that went into the submission from the IC. Aside from poor grammar, inconsistent format and lay out, the content lacked clarity and cohesion and made no attempt to provide meaningful comment or analysis. It was feared the West End Deanery Submission merely played into the hands of detractors who had predicted just such a watering down of views as to make it a worthless exercise. It was agreed that Mark would try to distil this lengthy discussion into a covering letter which we, as a PCT, intend to submit to the Archbishop together with what was collated from Immaculate Conception. In addition, as a parish we need to maintain our own momentum.

Minibus

We are in the final stages of preparing the minibus for sale, following the acquisition of a new battery, new brakes and an up to date MOT certificate. Sale is hoped to bring in approximately £3K+. The Black Hack contract has been a disappointment, with their failure to fulfil contractual obligations. We are in the throes of negotiating a new contract with GlasGO Cabs, with a similar brief to before, and it is hoped it will be more successful. Watch this space.....

5. Sacramental Update

Frances compiled a report and spoke to same, a copy of which is appended. A huge amount of work undertaken & delivered and an enormous debt of gratitude to Frances, Pauline and Laura for making it all happen. All involved warmly congratulated.

6. Christians Against Poverty

Stephen & Brian attended the CAP meeting in Whiteinch on 26th May and fed back to the PCT the aims and objectives of the organisation and the fact they are keen to work alongside other Christian communities in helping to alleviate poverty. There is a large experienced organisation, regulated by FCA with a wealth of knowledge working in the background to support those who approach for help. But the purpose of extending into this area would be to raise awareness of what CAP could do, have venues more local for our community rather than them travelling to Whiteinch, helping to signpost to appropriate help and offer a befriending ear. Training will be offered and it was agreed that Stephen/Brian would contact them to explore this further.

7. AOCB

Fr Jim introduced the news that a service to union will be taking place when MPC and the Ruchill Kelvinside Parish Church will join to become one on 22nd June 2022, invites to the occasion have been extended. It was suggested that to mark this momentous occasion a suitable gift could be acquired and sent from IC. Unanimously agreed.

8. Next meeting - Date time and venue.

3rd Aug 2022 at IC Church Hall at 7pm.