

Minutes of St Columba's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 25th October 2022

In attendance

Anne, Catherine, Fr Jim, John O'Meara, Cathy, Bill H, Ian, Sandra, Fr Alex, Bill McF, Arthur, Cath V, Jackie, Sue, Monica, Susan, Irena and Martyn.

Apologies: Sharon, Andrew, Brian, Sylvia and Angela.

1.

Meeting was led by Chairlady Anne and opened with prayers by Father Alex. Matters arising from the previous meeting included a report from Sue who took us through the sustainable options for a new heating source for the church building. Discussion proceeded with the ideas to be considered in a near future replacement. The Cosy Places initiative was mentioned with no discussion to follow and the issue of music arrangements at Mass had no conclusion. Arthur has created lists for the rota of offertory up to 2023, however he still needs more people to come forward.

2.

John O'Meara gave a presentation showing the Council the existing problems with buildings at St Columba's. It was a detailed report giving information of work required and costs involved. The details included, flat roofs, window sills, boiler and the recent cost of lighting.

John also took the group through the current finance of income and expenditure. It was decided that a building group should be formed to liaise with John O' Meara to help the fathers. The building group was given right to get quotations and overview past quotations for works required and to liaise with John O'Meara. Ian in the immediate period will look into getting a part made to get the broken heating system working.

Sue raised an issue regarding the costs to the Parish of the house usage by the pregnancy group and this will be looked into by Fr Jim.

John gave an added presentation of the future model St Clemente's Parish is following.

3.

Martyn on behalf of Angela talked of the research Angela had done regarding the Cosy Places Project. Sue, Monica, Susan, Cathy H noted their interest in helping to start the project at St Columba's.

4.

The Christmas Party was set at December the 11th. It was raised that the party should be opened to all people. However it was raised that there are limits of numbers for the hall. It was decided to let the welcoming group to sound out interest.

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Arthur raised the issue that the hall is not being let out, Fr. Jim explained that there is new paperwork and he will liaise with Arthur on the matter.

The low quality of the new church lighting was noted.

Chairlady Anne closed the meeting with Fr Jim giving prayers.