

## **Minutes of Holy Trinity Parish Finance Committee Meeting 14 November 2017**

Present: Fr Ephrem, Nick Crang (Chair), David Monastra, Leona Foster, Francie Dwyer, Maureen Folan, Colleen Restieux, Matt Blair

Apology:

The meeting opened with a prayer.

**1. Minutes from last meeting 22nd August 2017 *accepted***

**2. Financial Reports**

Year to date still positive. Collections tracking down but so are expenses so overall profit. However there are some large property maintenance expenses due in the next few months.

**3. Property Report**

**3.1 PC feedback to property proposals**

Andrew Gunn (Chair Parish Council) attended the meeting and talked to the written response from the Parish Council to the Finance Committees property options paper. Andrew thanked the Committee for their information and the constructive joint meeting held between the PC and FC in October.

Nick sought feedback from all Committee members to the response from the PC.

All agreed in principle with what was in the PC response. Comes down to an issue of what can we afford.

Does St Patrick's need to be bigger

can we afford to grow both Holy Cross and St Patrick's

Do we have a costing to strengthen Holy Cross

Does not make sense to have St Patrick's as the geographical centre of the parish because of proximity to Wellington South Parish

Are we looking at a one church parish in the future

Do we spend money on St Patrick's and sell Holy Cross

*Nick had a meeting with the archdiocese who see Kilbirnie as strategic assets so no desire to sell site. Holy Cross strategic but not ruled out.*

Ground work for faith development has to be done regarding the pastoral plans and activities and then the buildings will be decided in response to those

Cheapest option is for HC to stay on present site but more investigation needs to be done with school with having the school more engaged if church was on the school site. Having the church on the school site is important Mon - Fri but doesn't necessarily translate to Sundays. We would love to have everything but can we financially afford. What can we fulfill How do we get to a decision. Main concern is if all money spent on HC then precludes everything else.

The decision was made after much discussion to spend some money getting costings to strengthen Holy Cross Church and scope of work to include some upgrades.

Andrew commented that the last winter especially has been psychologically hard for those attending Mass at Holy Cross with leaks, no heating, damp.

Fr Ephrem commented that having been to an emergency response meeting that day, he felt unsafe continuing Mass in Holy Cross Church. It was decided to return to the original determination in regards to use of the church since only 22% of building code, only 9am & 5pm Mass on Sunday. Weekday Masses to return to the Parish Centre. Immediate issue is relocating the 6.30pm Children's Mass to the School. 9am Christmas Day Mass to stay at the Church.

### **Tasks**

Dave - quotes to strengthen HC Church

Matt - draft letter to Cardinal outlining options for long term plan regarding properties for Nick and Andrew to sign

## **3.2 Summary provided by David (attached)**

### **Tasks**

Dave - draft letter to Cardinal seeking approval for St Anthony's roof repairs for Nick and Fr to sign

Dave - apply to council to defer fire alarm system upgrade for St Patrick's Hall

Matt & Marianne - sort out payment details with Allan regarding painting inside HC Church

### **3.3 Hall Manager's Report**

I have forwarded account for repairs to Hall Floor which has come up very well. It appears that the floor is now in good condition for its age.

Aaron has suggested that it would be a good time to put another couple of coats of polyurethane down which will extend the life of the floor exponentially. *FC agreed at last meeting to polyurethane the floor.*

I recall having sent you a quote for the job.

On other matters, the Hall continues to enjoy good occupancy with the Rock Academy during school holidays, the Assyrian Social group now fortnightly and regular use by the Assembly of God

#### **Tasks**

Marianne - inform Tony

### **3.4 St Patrick's Presbytery Update**

David provided costings and proposed drawings for the St Patrick's Presbytery site. Tenders close Friday 17th November. Building consent has been granted but now need resource consent - application submitted. Concerns were raised since the price is more than expected. Question as to holding off on carpark but continue with demolition of building but consent already completed. Notice to go in newsletter for information session after 10am Mass 26th November in the Parish Centre and article for December News & Views.

#### **Tasks**

Colleen - article for December News & Views

Notice for newsletter

Poster with plan for information session

Leona - Announcement after Mass 19th Nov 5.30pm & 7.30am

Nick & Leona - information session after 10 Mass 26th November

Parish Centre

### **3.5 Security Cameras - St Patrick's Church**

Being wired in on 20th November. Notice has been in the newsletter for the past 2 weeks regarding the cameras.

### **3.6 GSH - Boundary update**

Approved proposal with the neighbouring property regarding realignment of boundary. Letter to go to Cardinal seeking approval.

## **4. Other Business**

### **4.1 Gascoigne Scholarships**

5 applicants. Due to changes in government and tertiary fees for next year, change to how these will be allocated. Interviews will take place 21st November.

### **4.2 Bequest - M Bogacki**

\$5000 bequest received.

### **Tasks**

Maureen - to send thank you card to family

Marianne - notice in newsletter

### **4.3 Alpha Programme**

Question raised as to money spent on TV for St Pats Church. Less than what was originally quoted.

### **4.4 Gardening equipment - St Patrick's Church**

Leona requested blower for St Patrick's Church. *agreed*

*Meeting closed at 10pm with a prayer.*

**Next meeting TBC  
Holy Cross Parish Centre**