

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St. John, Knotty Ash held on
on 12th January 2016

Meeting opened with Prayer at 19.33hrs.

Present

Margaret Gleave	Val Gavin	Denise Boyle	Sue Mitchell
Rev. Roy Doran	Val Carlton	Gill Southern	Marion Hawley
Derek Southern	Marjorie Juxon	Irene Tuzio	Sue Farley
Charles Nasoro	Rev. Canon Steve McGanity		

Apologies

Alan Malthouse	Jane Owen	Jean Malthouse	Jane Owen
Rebecca Masi	Camillia Usher-Galvin		

Minutes

Minutes of meetings held on 10th November 2015 were accepted as a true record of the event and duly signed. Proposed by Marion Hawley and seconded by Derek Southern.

Matters Arising

The Summer Fayre was a great success.

Correspondence

Rev.Doran has received correspondence from Lacey's Solicitors regarding the sale of the be-quested property. Due to the time elapsing between notification from the estate agent of a cash buyer for the property and the letter arriving from the solicitor to St John's, cash buyers are withdrawing their offers. Members agreed to allow Rev Doran to liaise with the estate agent direct and the decision to accept an offer on the property (in the region of £130,000 with flexibility) would lie with the standing committee.

Treasurer's Report

Gill Southern distributed copies of the finances and explained the current situation which is stable.

Proceeds from the Summer and Christmas Fayres have not yet been allocated.

Members were asked to consider where these should go.

Efforts to promote the need to generate funds for church flowers was highlighted.

Members were given the opportunity to raise any issues they had.

Rev.Doran again expressed his gratitude to Gill for all her hard work.

Rev.Doran updated members on the latest fees for church services. Basic fees are set by church authorities and cannot be altered. St John's fees for the organist £80, verger £40 and standard flowers £175 will remain unchanged. There will be an optional charge for the choir and an optional donation for the bell to be rung.

West Derby Area Dean

Rev.Doran welcomed Rev. Canon Steve McGanity, area Dean to the meeting, who in turn welcomed members to the Deanery of West Derby. He then informed those present that the Deanery is a happy one which technically consisted of 14 mixed Anglo Catholic churches. The focus of the Deanery is Mission, Discipleship, Leadership.

Rev. McGanity then asked members what happens at St John's, what makes people come here and what have we to offer?

Summer Fayre

Rev.Doran has liaised with the acting Head teacher at Knotty Ash School and the chosen date for the Fayre is 18th June 2016. Members agreed to consult with the congregation and ascertain if there would be sufficient support to organise the event, as Gill and Derek Southern would like to retire from the organising roles this year. A meeting will be arranged for Friday 22nd January for those interested in taking on these roles. If there is insufficient interest, then the Fayre will be cancelled.

Project 175

The two latest applications for funding have been rejected on technical issues. Members were asked to pray and consider if the church should re-apply or not.

Clock, Lighting Decoration

As almost half of the funds needed for these have been raised, it was agreed that Rev.Doran should approach Garfield Weston and enquire if they would be prepared to match fund the difference.

Members agreed for Rev.Doran to employ the Architect and obtain fixed price contracts for like for like decorating, new lighting, and sound system. Proposed by Denise Boyle and seconded by Sue Farley.

Pastoral Training No development on this, as Rev. Jeff Engel is too unwell to undertake this task at present.

Disabled Friendly Church Award Authority from the PCC is necessary for this application to be submitted. Proposer Gill Southern, seconder Val Gavin – all in agreement. Irene Tuzio will arrange a meeting with those persons interested in participating with this issue.

A.O.B Sue Mitchell informed members that the Child Friendly Award expired one year ago. The process to re-apply will have to be undertaken from the beginning again if the church wishes to have this Award once more.

Date of Next Meeting

9th February 2016 at 19.30hrs in church.

Meeting closed with Prayer at 21.25hrs.