

**St. Peter's Parish Pastoral Team Meeting.**  
**Tuesday September 3rd, 2019. Started at 7.00 pm in church with**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**

**MINUTES.**

**Present.** Fr Peter, David Small, James Walker, Tony Cordes, Anne-Marie Bailey, Alison McGarr (Chair), Anne Rogowski, Sophie Hourihan, Rachel McKay (minutes),.

1. **Apologies;** - Terry Thiele, Tony Shaw, Margaret Drury.
2. Minutes of last meeting already accepted.
3. **A) Follow up day to Bible Weekend.**

Fr Peter has emailed David Beresford with possible dates for the follow-up day and is waiting to hear back from him. It is planned to include a session for the Communion families within the day.

**Action;** - Fr. Peter will email David if he does not hear from him soon.

**B) Community Sponsorship Initiative for Refugee family.**

This initiative is on the agenda for tomorrow nights Justice and Peace meeting. Alison said that one of the first steps was to invite Sean Ryan to speak at the Masses. Alison has emailed some dates to Sean and is waiting to hear back. Fr Peter advised to avoid November 17<sup>th</sup>, as there is already a mission appeal on that day. Sean Ryan has suggested that the parish gather a core team as soon as possible. The Justice and Peace group are taking the lead on this but are very keen to involve other people. Sophie Hourihan and Anne Rogowski are interested in being on the core team. Fr Peter suggested that the best time to start the fund raising was once the team had been gathered and after Sean Ryan's visit. The parish needs to raise £9,000 as a contingency fund.

Action;- Alison will feedback progress at the next meeting.

**C) Lay Chaplain for the Primary Schools.**

Our parish 'Our Mission Together' project idea was to have a Lay-Chaplain to cover one day a week in each of the 3 Primary Schools. We didn't meet our target on 'Our Mission Together' therefore not enough in that fund to employ a chaplain. Fr Peter has yet to go back to the Head Teachers to discuss this idea further. Dave Fitton is doing great work in the Primary schools. Still feel there would be great

value in having a lay-chaplain to bridge the gap between the schools and parishes; build on the work going on in the schools and in the parish with first communion families; and bring the schools closer together to each other and the parish. Some schools are finding it difficult to recruit chaplains at present. Alison has had some very good input from the Youth Mission team at St James' recently. Possibly with more publicity about the idea, people from the parish might contribute directly into a fund to appoint a chaplain for the schools. Parishioners who contributed to OMT have enquired about where things are up to.

**Action;**- Fr. Peter will talk to the Head Teachers.

#### **D) Shine Update.**

Anne-Marie stated that the next issue of Shine will be available on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> – 44 page issue which is “bursting at the seams” and is a good mix of all sorts of news. There are some great articles from our young people that show their commitment and involvement as well.

4. Alison was appointed chairperson.

#### **A.O.B**

##### 1. Parish Centre.

Sophie informed the PPT that local residents are unhappy about the parish centre. They are aware that Rita has put in a lot of hard work to try to solve the problems but there are still concerns regarding noise levels at night and smoking outside the front door of the parish centre. Local residents feel that the noise limiter isn't working correctly and that there is a high level of noise from people talking outside when they leave after 11 PM. There is talk among residents about organising a petition to have the parish centre closed down.

##### 2. Greater Manchester Citizens.

Alison talked to the PPT about GM Citizens. This has grown out of something that started in London. The idea is that community groups come together to discuss what is happening in their local communities. Groups formed locally are then invited to join the big assembly which is due to take place in April next year at The Holy Name Church in Manchester. Salford Cathedral and Caritas Salford are already involved. Do we want to have a voice at the Greater Manchester?

It's an opportunity to speak the truth about what is going on in our local communities to those in power. These issues are then brought to the Mayoral assembly. One issue that have been addressed as a result

of GM Citizens has been the living wage – calling the football clubs to account for not paying all their staff the living wage, asking Manchester University to commit to paying the living wage to all staff. It costs £500 for a group to become a member – membership gives access to training to help deal with issues being experienced locally. Anne said she'd looked in to GM citizens – doesn't appear to be being manipulated by other agencies. Appears to be a charitable organisation.

Tony Cordes suggested that this is something that could be done best at an ecumenical level and to have a group involved through Churches Together representative of all the local churches? Phil Horton is our parish representative. Anne-Marie felt that the promotional video doesn't quite do justice to what GM Citizens is about – maybe needs a bit more explanation attached to it for it to be a good advocate for explaining and gaining support for this initiative.

**Action – Alison** will Email Phil Horton.

### 3. Faith In Action Award.

This award has been set up by Cymfed (Catholic Youth Ministry Federation.) It is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award with Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. The format is that the young people come together. They share some scripture: something about tradition e.g. About Laudato Si: something Pope Francis has said or look at one of the Saints. Then they discuss how they can put what they have discussed in to action. The Bronze award involves them doing 20 hours of voluntary work putting their faith in to action. Tony pointed out that it was shame that there was no longer a Youth SVP for the young people to get involved in. Young people doing the Faith in Action award at St James' have helped out on the First Communion days.

This could be a good follow on to Youth Alpha and Confirmation and bridge the years, along with Spy, between Confirmation and Lourdes. It would be a way to help the young people to feel more involved in the Parish/ a hook in to being involved in things after Confirmation. It could dovetail in with Spy. David felt that it would need looking at how it could be best accommodated within SPY. Fr Peter happy for this to go ahead.

4. Youth Alpha. James said that the young people had been chatting about Youth Alpha and were wondering about what was happening this year. James is happy to be involved again and feels that the other young people that helped last year were keen to be involved again. Tom Small should be back from travelling by the first week in December. Sunday evenings seemed to work well. Dates need to be in diary before then. Fr Peter suggested booking Sunday evenings in the parish centre with Helen now. There will be a chance to discuss

possible dates with Fr Peter on Friday. David wondered if it would be worth running some parents sessions in the meeting room alongside the youth sessions. James wondered if there was any other DVD material that would follow-on from Alpha. For further discussion and thought.

**Action; - Rachel** will book Parish centre (Sunday evenings)with Helen.

**5. Parish Centre refurbishment.**

There is no news on the refurbishment of the parish centre. There has been a change in personnel within the Diocesan Company. The Diocesan Company is seeking funding from Community projects to help with cost of refurbishment.

**6.** Pints and Praise have been resting over the summer. Next possible date 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The meeting closed with the Parish Prayer.

**Next PPT Meeting;** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

Meeting starts in church at 7.00 pm with Exposition.

Chairperson;- Alison. Minutes; - Rachel.