

MEETING: MINUTES OF HOLY GHOST PPC

Attending: Geraldine Gallacher
Barbara King
Richard Luker
Liz Lovegrove
Rev Pat Madden
Greg Medalla
Tony Spiteri

Apologies: Mgr Vincent Harvey
Alison Ford
Liz Ford
Colin Davidson

Date: Thursday 17th January, 2008

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The meeting opened at 8 pm. Pat Madden had written a special dedication prayer for the meeting, which everyone said together.

1 MATTERS ARISING

1.1 **Stewardship.** Tony gave a brief report on a recent meeting of the steering committee, which had decided to go on following the plan set out by the diocese. To this end, the first two training meetings will be managed by the two people who had led the meeting on 30th October. Tony explained the need for a firm central hand, to avoid different branches going off in different directions. A number of people have been invited to participate in the Parish training meetings, and reports will be presented during the process.

1.2 **Quiz Night.** The event will be announced on Sunday 20th January, and tickets will be on sale after each Mass thereafter.

1.3 **Communications within the Parish.** Members present were photographed by Tony, prior to the photographs being displayed on the Church display board.

As Richard had again omitted to bring the details of available display boards which he had been sent, Liz offered to supply a replacement set.

2 **Creation of Parish Social Committee.** Tony explained the need to have a central list of names to organise the larger events, whether charitable or purely social, and invited members to discuss ideas. However, there was not a lot of comment, and it was ultimately decided to advertise in the Newsletter for a central committee, probably not more than six or eight people, and see what came up. We would hope to organise at least one 'social' event in that time, and would see how the new committee performed in the event. The idea of another Advent Craft Fair but this time with a longer notice period of the event was also discussed as it may be an opportunity to form the basis of a social committee. The announcement date would be coincided at a future PPC meeting.

3 **Items for Newsletter.** It was agreed that the Minutes of the December meeting of PPC should be posted to the parish website.

4 **Any Other Business.** It was pointed out that the request made to the November meeting, that both the quality of the road surface and the street-lighting provided between St Bede's School car-park and the Church were of poor quality, had brought no improvement at all. The meeting considered this situation deeply unsatisfactory, and stressed that the time for improvement is before someone gets injured, rather than afterwards. It was felt that this is a matter primarily for the

Church, and the view was expressed that we should ask the school to undertake the necessary work, on the understanding that the parish will pay for it.

5 Date of Next Meeting. 21st February, 2008, in St Bede's Meeting Room

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.