

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 11 October 2007

### PRESENT:

Father Michael	Chairperson	Heather Harris	Catechist
Jeni Burridge	Music	Arthur Jones	Catechist
Clare Chiles	Bereavement	Pauline Morris	Social Committee
Anne Coombes	SVP	Jackie Dahlgren	Parishioner
Mark Cunningham	SVP	Sheila Smith	Council of Churches
Frances Graham	Prayer Group	Paul Relf	Sacristan

The meeting began at 7.03 pm with a prayer.

### APOLOGIES:

Michael Burridge and Jackie Murray,

### MINUTES:

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.

### MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising.

### MATTERS ARISING FROM EACH COMMITTEE:

#### Worship/Spirituality

As a result of the Ministries Fayre, there has been a good response from volunteers to wash the purificators and a rota has now been set up. The Altar Servers have been given instructions about clearing up and setting out after each of the Sunday Masses.

Although it was understood that this year's Harvest Festival for the Morriston Council of Churches should be combined with the Centenary Celebrations of Zoar Chapel, (the Sacred Heart Centre), the absence of many representatives of the Council of Churches was noted, though overall attendance was about 150. Disappointment was expressed at the duplication of the Harvest Festival at Seion Newydd. About 30 to 40 people were in attendance at that event and £200.00 was raised for Val Newton and Wales Romanian Aid, on the night. There is talk within the Council of holding an Alpha course in Morriston.

The Summer Charismatic Renewal Conference was held at North Wales, after 25 years in Carmarthen. The Conference was opened by Bishop Regan and was a success with 7 priests and a deacon in attendance and also members from the Anglican Renewal group. It is planned to hold a Day of Renewal at the Sacred Heart Centre on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – the guest speaker being Sandra Storch. The City of Praise is held at St Peter's Church,

Cockett on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month – this brings all Churches together. The Lighthouse group meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month praying for the needs of Morriston. The Prayer Group has changed their meeting night to a Monday. No new members came forward after the Ministry Fayre.

Members of the Music group attended the Society of St Gregory Conference at Whitby. Music ranged from Gregorian chants to African and Asian music. The Choir has one new member. A series of three one-hour meetings has been arranged for Thursday evenings to learn Advent and Christmas music, and about 12 names were taken to attend this group starting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Fr. M. enjoyed some new music that he heard in the States and he would like Jeni to introduce it to the group. The Pope has also asked for Gregorian Chants to be more frequently sung and it is hoped to introduce this at least once a month.

A list of names of the last year's Deceased of the Parish will be displayed this weekend. Help is required with the refreshments at the Bereavement Mass which will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 12 noon. Unfortunately, this date clashes with the Day of Renewal at the Sacred Heart Centre.

#### Education

An enquiry was made as to whether Cafod had provided any information on the project from the money raised from last year's Confirmation group. Fr. M. confirmed that Cafod had indeed written to thank the group. The new Confirmation classes will commence with a meeting on the Feast of Christ the King. Arthur Jones will be rejoining the group.

#### Social Concerns

The Social/ Fundraising committee has several ideas for forthcoming events and the first of these is a Christmas Party for all ages is to be arranged for early December. Fr. M. requested dates from all groups to be included in the Parish calendar.

The family sponsored by the S.V.P. and Fr. M., thoroughly enjoyed their holiday in August and the feedback has been very good. Three new members have joined the S.V.P. since the Ministry Fayre to help with visiting, taking people shopping and bringing the housebound to Mass. Fr. M. is particularly keen for lifts to be arranged in the Winchwen area as the bus is running for just three people. There is also a need to provide lifts for hospital visits.

#### Administration

New turf has been ordered for the lawn in front of the church and Fr. M. will make an allowance for plants to be purchased.

### **ADVENT / CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

A Parish Christmas Party is to be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Sacred Heart Centre from 5.30 pm with food and entertainment and Father Christmas in attendance. The Carol Service will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm.

## **SACRED HEART CENTRE**

The Centre is finally making money with a large number of individual bookings and regular hiring during the week nights, though the halls are not used much during the day.

The organ has been tuned and overhauled. The bellows and blowers were full of dust after the recent renovations but once they were cleaned, the machines worked much better. The organ tuner will now come three times a year. Members of the Swansea Organ Society have been invited to come and play the organ as this will help to keep it in good condition. Also, it is hoped to approach the Society to perform a recital to help raise funds for our Parish project in 2008.

A request was made for a soap dispenser in the kitchen and also paper towels. A First Aid box will be mounted on the wall.

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

A Fund-Raising Fun Friday is to be held at the Red Lion on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This will include a buffet, auction and music and entertainment.

## **REPRESENTATIVES ON PARISH COUNCIL**

More representatives from all the different groups are needed to attend the Parish Council Meetings and encouragement should be given to them to come along and air their concerns or voice their opinions.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Concern was expressed that after the 9.30 am Mass, people were either leaving early or talking instead of singing.

It was also noted that a few individuals did not know which Gloria to sing if it was not on the hymn-board. Fr. M. suggested that this could be announced before hand along with a request to switch off all mobile phones. New hymn-boards have been ordered.

## **DATNM**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 pm.

Father Michael thanked all who had attended, and the meeting ended at 8.17 pm with a prayer.