

Social and fundraising meeting April 18th 2018

Present- Rosemary, Kath Rodison, Veronica, Michelle, Anne, Colette, Gail & John, Peter, Ivor and Paul.

Apologies: - Fr. John, Michael Speight and Denise Roberts.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

Paul addressed the meeting by saying the main objective of this group is communication and what is good for the parish and what should we be doing for other people e.g. Shiloh, elderly people, Rotherview [where the youth do fantastic work] – think wider - what more could we do to be sociable? Key areas are young families, school, bereaved, mental health issues – we should be an outreach community. Paul distributed a finance sheet and stated that the parish should be very proud of the fundraising. All fundraising must be shown by law and the money banked. A small float may be retained in the safe.

Auction: - Michael Speight will assist with this item and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Music Festival: - Saturday 14th July from 4p.m. – 8p.m. Angel will play the violin, an Irish band, a 'Frank Sinatra' from Rotherview, Elderly Brothers and the Liberty Gospel Choir. Refreshments will be hot dogs, crisps, sweets, pizza, alcohol free punch and water. Price £3 adults £1.50 children. An appeal for helpers will go on the bulletin.

Further ideas:- a vintage tea party, balloon race, sponsored walk for teenage cancer, a hoe down with a Country and Western band.

Parish walk: - Wednesday 30th May – a walk to the Cathedral for a tour of the building – mainly to bring the parish together. Bring a packed lunch could be a return coach.

New Co-ordinator: - everyone to ask around for this post to be filled for September.

Veronica is extremely proud of the new youth group and hopes the numbers will increase.

Feast of St.Bede:- Friday 25th May evening Mass at 7p.m. could the recent First Holy Communicants and Confirmation candidates be incorporated in this Mass then followed with a shared table?

Larger items suggested: - a trip to the Holyland, more space for the youth, a large marquee, take disadvantage children, the elderly and lonely to the theatre, better lighting for safety and awareness.

Sunday refreshments: - there are 400 people in the parish is it worth a rota to encourage new people to help? Refreshments could be served outside in the garden weather permitting. Sunday evening refreshments do not have a large number attending and the current helpers are happy to continue but would welcome any newcomers especially the youth if they wish to attend.

Thanks: - Veronica expressed her grateful thanks to all who assist in any way with fundraising.

The Next meeting will be Wednesday May 16th at 7p.m. in the parish rooms.