**St Francis of Assisi Church, Parish Pastoral Council**

Minutes of meeting Thursday, 26th September 2019 at 7pm in the Upper Room

**1. Tuning in. 2. Opening prayer.**

**3. Apologies:** RM, HL, EG, LP.

**4. Minutes of 18th July** approved.

**5. Matters arising:**

**Toilet at back of church.** Fr. David expressed his desire for the facility. He explained that it would take up 60% of the space of the existing Little Assisi Room. All facilities would be on an outside wall including extractor fan. It would have disabled access, paper towels, a water heater and the cold supply would be run underground outside the church to avoid noise in church. The window into the church would be unchanged and there would be room for notice boards, chair and wheelchair. Agreed by consensus by the council that we would be happy for it to go ahead.

**Safeguarding.** No report.

**Events.** Strawberry Cream Tea was a great success raising £800 and attracting the maximum number of people, about 90.

**Voice of Laity**. Fr David had hoped to get support of younger people. Suggested that a personal approach be made to suitable persons to encourage their response.

**Funeral organisation**. AK has completed a help sheet. A list of people willing to operate the system, similar to Wednesday Mass without dates, needs to be set up.

**Waymark Ministries**. No response yet from St Thomas’ Church, Lymington.

**Concert in Church 5th Oct**. RF reported that it was all organised. Choir has first-Aiders & fire marshals. Our people will help. Choir will make a donation to St Francis. Donations for our African charities will be invited from those who partake in the refreshments organised by DM. There will be a wedding in the church that afternoon finishing by 2pm. The concert people will hold a practice at 4pm and will tidy up afterwards.

**Garden bench**. DM reported this will be a 3-seater. Agreed it be located and suitable fixed down outside the Maryland Room. DM will liaise with F&P Committee.

**SVP presentation** by CP. All agreed this was much better than last year – She has been told it was ‘spot on’.

**6. Future Feast Days / second collections.**

CAFOD next two Sundays with talk by RM and cash collection.

All Saints’, Friday 1 Nov – Fr David will be away. Fr Sean Budden will officiate.

**7. Holy Days**.

Assumption etc. These days need to be on the Wednesday list so church is opened and prepared.

**8. Sick list.**

Fr David suggested the Gs be added. But they probably didn’t need visiting. JR had been visited.

**9. OLMSJ fundraising events**.

Fr David reported there would be a quiz night on 19th Oct. A Christmas Fayre for which angels are required on 17th Dec.

**10. Harvest festival awareness**.

Although CAFOD appeal occurs then, at the same time AK will be making an appeal for Basics Bank for food items on 29th Sep.

**11. Newcomers’ Supper**, Sat 12th Oct.

Anthony explained that there could be over 100 new people attending. They would each be given a bag with leaflets from organisations and we contribute an A4 flyer on the St Francis. There is a display in All Saints’ church where a helper is needed to chat. AK will be giving a short talk on St Francis at the supper. St Francis contribute the puddings for the supper led by RM and helped by GN. Volunteers required to supply puddings.

**12. Remembrance Sunday**.

Last year, being centenary of end of 1st War, AK and PL laid wreathes. AK does not intend to do so again this year. Volunteers would be welcome. RM will approach her son who is in the Army.

**13. AGM of PPC**.

Helen will be invited to write a script concerning our activities to be presented on a Sunday adjacent to the one selected by F&P Committee for their Annual Report.

**14. AOB**.

* + Autumn Study Groups have been set up by Christians Together in Milford. To be held in Methodist Church 5 weeks beginning Mon 7 Oct at 7:30pm and at Everton on Thursdays beginning 10th Oct approximately fortnightly at 11:30am. The theme follows the film “Victoria and Abdul”.
  + Village minibus. We have been asked how much we would be likely to use it. Agreed that we would have very infrequent use for it. It has however now been set up.
  + Next year 2020 is “Year of the Word”. 3 hour course for readers being put on by Sisters in Sway, 7th and 14th March.
  + “Live Simply” Pope Francis, care of creation. St Anne’s at Brockenhurst have taken this up. Suggested we could follow their example.
  + DM told us about Big Breakfast on Saturday at Community Centre, 9:30am.

**15 Refreshments next meeting**. RM.

**16. Date of next meeting**. Thurs **28th Nov** 2019

*Many thanks to Roger Warren for the notes which allowed me to write these minutes. AK*