

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH LEADERSHIP GROUP

MINUTES of meeting held at 7.00 pm Wednesday 7 July 2021

Present - Fr Peter, Peter Newsham, Angela Hooper, Ian Mulholland, Wendy Smith (Chair), Louise Baron (note taker)

Apologies – Deacon John, Maureen Hefferan, Denise King

Opening Prayer – led by Wendy Smith

Minutes – 14 April 2021 – Accepted as a true and accurate record

Agenda Items

1) Closer links with SVP

PLG minutes – copy to be available at back of church (noticeboard) and on parish website.

ACTION – Denise to share minutes with SVP group. SVP keeping up links with the school.

2) Reviewing PLG - Purpose & terms of reference (constitution)

- PLG have moved away from some of the details of the constitution.
- Need to review what we have achieved – the Padua room is one example.
- Are our objectives still the same?
- Need a focal point eg the Guild, or other event.
- Need to give new members a copy of the constitution – maybe get people to sign.
- Recognition that if we didn't have PLG, jobs would still get done, does PLG have any other functions?
- When we get back to normal we need to engage with people with different talents to strengthen the parish so it can cope/flourish if/when we no longer have a resident priest.
- PLG to go to the parish, how are we going to organise ourselves -
 - Do we want one or more deacons who could provide some spiritual leadership?
 - To start by identifying admin tasks to be relinquished by Fr Peter
- **ACTION** – ALL Thrash ideas around individually amongst ourselves, names and ideas and bring those to the next meeting and put in newsletter to determine interest.

3) Padua Room

- Despite COVID, it's very popular with lots of groups coming back.
- Main concern is meeting hirers, letting them in, locking up etc.
- School now hold a key

- To trial giving hirers a key with a key deposit which would be a short-term arrangement.
- Peter Newsham/Fr Peter always available if there's a problem eg lost key
- Thank you to Peter N for all you do for the Padua room as it gets busier.

4) Replacement of Organ / Piano

- Organ tuners addressed issue with small organ at the front of church
- To consider one of Frank Baron's organ if/when needed (daughter contacted)

5) Finance

Finances not quite back where we were prior to the pandemic, however numbers are nearly there, with the bank balance increasing slightly month by month.

Any Other Business

1) Shop

- Saturday night manned by Wendy
- **ACTION - Wendy** to ask Maureen if she will continue manning the shop on a Sunday morning
- New stock to be reordered by Wendy
- Stewards may be willing to man the shop going forward as their cleaning duties decrease.

Date of next meeting

20 October 2021 – 7 pm

Closing Prayer

Wendy ended with a prayer