

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL J. & P. GROUP
MINUTES 09 06 2011

Present

Teresa Lyth; Ted Cox; John Walton; Laurie Haley; Slawomir Ziemian;
Margaret Stacey; Ann Smith

Apologies

Fran Howling; Carol Rowntree; Elizabeth Collings; Len Collings; Paul
Bowen; Bernard McCaffrey

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer

Teresa led in the absence of Len

2. Apologies

As above

3. Matters Arising and Action Points from last meeting

No issues raised vis-à-vis written minutes. It was agreed this agenda item would concentrate on outstanding issues from the Action Sheet included in the last minutes.

4. Financial report

Ted informed meeting monies collected to April 2011 now despatched to both causes. He had received letter of acknowledgement from CAFOD.

May donations: £217. 52

Last week's collection: £38. 50

Total in account: £246.02

Ted to include monthly updates in Church Bulletin. Cheques to be sent every 3 months to causes. He had sent article and photograph of

cheque presentation to the Fellowship to 'The Catholic Voice', hoping for publication in the July issue, depending on space available.

5. Refugee Week 20 – 26th June – launch of donations to refugee and asylum seekers every 3rd Sunday, beginning 18th June 2011

As noted in updated Action Sheet, Ann had completed note to advertise event and ongoing support for the bulletin. Margaret had pointed out that other years, collection boxes had remained at the back of church for the whole of Refugee Week. Group agreed this was a good idea; **Ann to expedite and add information to notice for church bulletin.**

It was suggested by Teresa that a poster advertising the event to be completed and placed on church notice board. **Ann to undertake task.**

6. Letter of thanks from Carol Cross, CAFOD, and supporting walk “ Walking with the Saints” to Whitby Abbey 02 07 2011

As agreed letter of thanks to be displayed on notice board.

The walk alluded to above may include a visitor from Rwanda in the final stages, Simon Nyabiyeze, CAFOD's Psychosocial Programme officer in Rwanda. He will be accompanying Feza and Odette on a visit to England and Wales during June and July. He hopes to be at the mass in Whitby 02 07 2011 at 2.30 in the Abbey. Parishioners are encouraged to take part. Guests participating in the walk will arrive at the Cathedral on the 28th June, with mass being celebrated at 6.30 pm. Of the four, two will be accommodated in the parish. **Agreed, rather than sponsor forms Laurie to raise the matter at all masses, the weekend of 25th and 26th June**, with parishioners encouraged to give any loose change to the bowl.

(Margaret asked that clergy similarly advertise Refugee week with a short mention at each mass, agreed – see updated Action sheet)

7. Sponsored run in September – offer of donation to Catholic Fellowship (LD)

Claire Donnelly has approached Teresa and asked if the J & P group could help with sponsor forms for her daughter Laura who would like to enter the 3K run and support the cathedral bowl. She had decided to support the Fellowship and wanted to get forms organized so that she can take them into school before the end of term. She had intended to ask the parish to sponsor her also for the event (3k fun run in September 2011). Laurie pointed out that he and others complete the adult 10k version of

this and appeal to parishioners for sponsorship for chosen cause (this year as last will be CAFOD). Discussion ensued around, “overload” in asking parishioners to support twice in the same weekend and recouping Gift aided, covenanted monies through bona fide means. There was also the issue of the bowl being equally divided between the two chosen causes, where it would be difficult to progress monies to one identified recipient.

Outcome: **Teresa to speak to Laura's mother about options and check that she does want to have Gift Aid and if desired, obtain official sponsor forms from the Fellowship.** Laura plans to ask school, family and friends for sponsorship and Teresa or Claire to approach Mrs Barber re this.

Laurie will continue to support CAFOD when he takes part in the race and obtain sponsor forms from them, but would consider asking CAFOD to earmark the RWANDAN project after consulting with Gamin, who runs the race with him.

8. Letter, Newsletter and information re Catholic Handicapped Fellowship

Information received by Teresa to be put on notice board

9. Amnesty International Letters

Margaret raised the issue of, “Prisoners of Conscience Week” in October 2011 and asked how the group could support the event. She suggested a speaker at each of the masses at that time to inform the parish of the issues. General discussion followed. It was mooted that we could participate in writing letters of support to such prisoners, together with sending Christmas cards via the Amnesty International scheme. It was clear that more information was needed. **Ann agreed to contact Father Peter Keeling to ask for advice and Margaret to discuss Amnesty with Canon Gerard particularly the Parish being registered in some way. Matter to be raised at next meeting.**

10. Justice & Peace Calendar – Sea Sunday 10 07 2011

Teresa passed around copies of the Middlesbrough Diocese Justice & Peace Calendar including the above. It was agreed more discussion needed to take place as the next month was quite busy and folk were involved with many items.

Everyone encouraged to look at calendar and bring thoughts to future meetings.

11.Future meeting dates for Len's talk

Len had highlighted the need to postpone this until the autumn as a result of his busy schedule in July. Agreed to await advice from Len re possible times

12.AOB.

Dates for future meetings set as follows:

14th July 2011

No meeting in August 2011

8th September 2011

13th October 2011

13.Closing Prayer

Teresa led the group in the closing prayer

Ann Smith

Secretary