

Synopsis of Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup> 2022

Opening The GK opened the meeting according to the manual for small councils.

**Apologies** - Andrew Salaz

**In attendance** – Bernard Holden (GK), Brian Heap, John McManus, Paul Toman, Fr. Francis Wadsworth.

**Minutes of last meeting** Held on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2022 were passed as a true record. No matters arose.

**Correspondence.** The GK had notified Provincial meeting is to take place on July 20<sup>th</sup> in the Marian Room at St. Anne's

**Action** Jed Gregory Include report on action plan development

No report as Jed did not attend

**Treasurer** Brian Heap Include report on action plan development

Brian reported on the state of the Councils finances. A donation of £10 has been split between the Benevolent fund and the General Account.

**Deputy GK** Include report on action plan development

Need to appoint a deputy GK

**Chancellor** Paul Toman Include report on action plan development

Mary Lord, now a resident at McCawley Mount was recovering after a fall in the home. She is back on her feet and able to walk. Muriel Conway manages to get to Church occasionally despite being beset by breathing difficulties and other health issues. She is being looked after by her sons and Fr. O'Brian brings her communion regularly,

**Secretary** John McManus Include report on action plan development

No report

**Technology Officer** David Richard Include report on action plan development

Did not attend

**Grand Knight** Bernard Holden Include report on action plan development

Brian Heap led the discussion on the proposed visit to Fernyhalgh. It was reported that the last time this event was organised with students of Mount Carmel 80% bought Rosary Beads, The 50 seat coach cost £300 on our last visit but is anticipated to cost more as the cost of fuel has increased. This would make the cost prohibitive for the KSC to fund it. It would be more productive to for adults from the Catholic churches in our area to be invited to visit Fernyhalgh and the cost to be offset by charging a realistic price to come on the coach. This visit could take place in September or October, as the weather should still be reasonable as the Mass is observed in the open air.

### **Debate on Membership**

A Mass from St. Mary's in Bamber Bridge was shown on TV. The KSC was welcoming two members and raising three to full knighthood. It is quite a large parish but the question remains 'how do they do it?' Fr Wadsworth does ask in his weekly bulletin for male adults to attend our meetings but we have had no response. He did say that only two thirds of the Pre - Covid congregations are attending Mass. Brian Hep said a handful of people attending St. Anne's and St Joseph's could be possible candidates for the KSC but he does not know them well enough to broach the subject of membership of the KSC with them. John McManus suggested the profile of the KSC in church was for members to wear their purple collars which would stimulate conversations. The question of religious education and its effectiveness in schools was questioned . One brother, who was a governor member, reported the schools were given a sound education on Christian values with reference and stories and pictures of Saints around the classroom walls. As far as he was aware the Catechism was not used but other methods used to teach the children so that they understood more

easily, Fr Wadsworth said the learning the Catechism was no guarantee that a Christian way of life was being followed. Some Catholic teaching in schools are Catholic in name only. They have a Baptismal Certificate but seldom come to Mass. The problem of Mass attendance and reception of the sacraments arises more often in Secondary Schools when other distractions appear to draw people away from the church. When a priest is invited to schools it should not be restricted to saying a Mass but should also be an opportunity for pupils to engage in fruitful discussions of the Faith..

Large numbers have given up the practice of faith, a situation which passes down to successive generations. The heart of Christianity is the growth of a personal relationship with Jesus. One has to take the whole faith, one can't afford to pick some things out and reject. Affluence in the post war years and the breakdown of community spirit had led to individualism and the all-consuming prevalence choice over community spirit. The feeling that if we keep going ,the situation will change for the better.

Mention was made of the St. Anne's Garden Party and it was suggested that the KSC have a stall with a large KSC Banner and a display of publicity leaflets and photographs of our parish activities.

### **AOB**

There is a quiz on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 26<sup>th</sup> Parishioners and others are asked take part. In the meantime we are asked to think how we can increase our profile in the various parishes so can attract new members.

### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on July 19<sup>th</sup> in the Marian Room at St. Anne's

### **Closing of meeting**

The meeting closed at 8.30 with prayers for our deceased brothers.

Distributed by email by the GK and copies provided at our meeting to those not on email.