Knights of Saint Columba Accrington Council 188

Synopsis of Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday April 16th 2019

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

In attendance:- Bernard Holden (BHo) Jed Gregory (JG) Brian Heap (BHe) John McManus (JM) Paul Moxham (PM) Paul Toman (PT)

Correspondence Nil.

Minutes of last meeting held on Tuesday March 19th 2019. Proposed by PM and seconded by BHe.

Matters arising :- None

Reports

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

JG reported that 22 people attended the ‘Prayers in the square’ on Palm Sunday mainly from the parishes of St.Anne’s and St. Joseph’s. He also indicated that though the numbers were low we should continue to do this at the new venue. PM reported he would bring the large wooden cross along with the small crosses carried by the readers for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross. This was because this year we could not arrange to erect the large steel cross as David Richards, who uses his tractor to take the cross up the Coppice was unwell. JG also suggested we ask for volunteers to carry the cross during the stations to involve as many people as possible. This suggestion was agreed. Brothers were reminded of the SPUC/KSC initiative of saying the rosary at St. Anne’s on the first Sunday of each month at 3.30 in St. Anne’s church. JG indicated no progress had been made in arranging the annual pilgrimage to |Fernyhalgh. BHe indicated he would contact Fernyhalgh to establish a date in July which that are available. He will miss the next meeting as he is on holiday but will make sure the dates are available at the meeting to allow us to select a suitable date.

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

BHe reported the accounts were unchanged.

BHe reported that he Christmas gifts and cards had been paid from the monthly collection taken at each meeting. There were fewer subscriptions this year leading to a shortfall. Some brothers had paid extra. There was a discussion on how to help brothers who could not afford to pay their subscriptions. It was suggested that support could possibly be available from Province. He also indicated he had only once bought Easter Posters on the council’s behalf. Eric Mullen usually bought posters for Great Harwood churches himself.

BHe also stressed the need to have assistance from parish members for the distribution of the Christmas posters in churches that had no KSC members in them.

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

In the absence of PC, BHo gave this report. He expressed the importance of each individual member supporting the drive for new members in our council. It was suggested that:-

1. Each brother, who have a computer, Print 30 copies (80 gm paper) of a publicity document, sent to them by the GK and made available at our meeting in May.
2. It would be helpful if we could arrange for a presentation during Mass to inform male parishioners of the work the KSC does in Hyndburn.
3. After reading the Columba magazine brothers leave their copy at the back of the church.

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

It was reported that Mrs Smith was now residing in the Woodlands Home in

Clayton le Moors. It was agreed to arranged with Fr. Stamp to say a Mass and send her one of our Mass card together with the two brothers who’s health was not good.

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

JMC reminded brothers of the School Quiz and activity afternoon being held at St. Mary’s school in Clayton le Moors on Wednesday April 17th starting at 2.00 pm. Brothers were asked to attend and mark the quiz papers. The council agreed to donate £50 to this event to be used as prize money for the schools who win the quiz.

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

No report as David is not well and did not attend the meeting.

***Debate*** :- At our last meeting each brother was given a copy Bishop Arnold’s letter regarding global warming and a copy of CAFOD’s publication on the same theme. Both carried the same theme, Reduce, Re-use and recycle.

In our debate the theme was elaborated on and each individual had a personal responsibility to try to carry out the three R’s shown above. It was generally agreed the over-consumption and waste which we must address as individuals. Not a lot was identified as a council activity as distinct from our actions as individuals.

**Date of next meeting**

Tuesday May 21st at 7.30 in the Marian Room at St. Anne’s

The meeting closed at 8.30 with prayers for the sick widows and brothers