Knights of Saint Columba Accrington Council 188

Synopsis of the Minutes of the meeting held on December 17th 2019

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

**In attendance** – Paul Cain (PC), Bernard Holden (BHo)< Paul Moxham (PM) John McManus (JMc), David Richards (DR) Andrew Szlaz (AS), Paul Toman (PT).

Minutes of last meeting – The minutes of the last meeting were passed with one amendment ; Clare Brady is now living with her son in Accrington not Oswaldtwistle..

Reports

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

In the absence of (JG) the report of the meeting with the parliamentary candidates was deemed to be a success. The time scale for each candidate perhaps need extending to allow more time expand their views. It was sad that no parishioners from St. Anne’s or St. Josephs attended the meeting.

It was felt that we need to pay attention to the organisation of the Day of Recollection. The planning needs to be urgently reviewed with Fr. Stamp.

Concern was expressed that some of the SPUC leaflets relating to the General Election had not been distributed..

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

No report was available as Brian was recovering from a heart attack. We wish him a speedy recovery. It was suggested the council subscription for 2020 will be the same as 2019.This needs to be confirmed.

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

(PC) reported that the asylum seeker from El Salvador was a potential member but we would have to pay his membership subscriptions. We need to establish if we have sufficient funds to allow this to occur as other brothers need repaying for money they have spent on behalf of the council.

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

(PT) reported that the Requiem Mass for Mrs Mary Jackson will take place at 11.00 am on Monday December 23rd in St. Wulstan’s Church in Great Harwood .It is hoped a number of brothers would attend.

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

No report

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

(DR) reported that our council website had been visited about four times a week. The synopsis of our meetings and the report of the meeting with the Parliamentary candidates have been added to the website. It was suggested we needed to have this synopsis placed on the notice boards and websites of each church,

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

No report,

**Debate**

This centred round the necessity to recruit new members in order to continue the work of the KSC effectively in our area. This consists of trying to enthuse people at a local level to live a Christian life and contribute to supporting others. We have the ever-present question ‘How do we undertake such a programme of recruitment’

It was proposed the Gk (BHo) write to Supreme and ask what they have done to simulate an interest in the work of the KSC and if they have any information on successful recruitment campaigns

**AOB**

The need to encourage people to take and display in their home windows the Christmas posters was emphasised.

The Leaflets produced by our council relating to St. John Henry Newman and the Relic of St. Anne were distributed to each church in our area. The take up seems encouraging,

It was unfortunate that at a very late date the Provincial meeting in Nelson was cancelled because Burnley were playing a match at home, The new date coincided with the date fixed to interview Hyndburn’s Parliamentary candidates.

Province have distributed information on the proposed regional structure. Some doubt was expressed about how this structure would work.

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place on January 21st 2020 at 7.30 in the Marian Room in St. Anne’s Accrington.

**Closing of meeting**

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