Knights of Saint Columba Accrington Council 188

Synopsis of the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday July 16th.

***Openin****g* The GK opened the meeting according to the manual for small councils.

***Warden*** KN confirms there were 10 brothers present entitled to vote,

**Visiting gentleman** Mr Patrick Philpott

**In attendance** Paul Cain (PC) Jed Gregory (JG) Brian Heap (BHe) Bernard Holden (BHo) John McManus (JMC) Paul Moxham (PM) Eric Mullen (EM) Kevin Nancarrow (KN) Andrew Szlaz (AS) Paul Toman (PT)

***Correspondence***  Letter from Supreme Knight in reply to BHo letter seeking details of the orders finances.

**Minutes of last meeting** The minutes of the June meet5ing were accepted as a true record and proposed by BHE and seconded by PM

***Matters arising***  None

***Reports***

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

JG spoke to Fr. Stamp regarding the proposed visit of the speaker from the University Chaplain and the proposed day of recollection planned for next spring,.

Information regarding the retreat centre at Theadore House at Stonyhurst . A detailed description was given out by BHo.

Regarding the day of recollection at Fernyhalgh planned for August 17th .posters were given and tickets were given to Fr. Stamp, Fr. Livesy, Brian Heap and Bernard Holden .

Tickets will cost £5,50 each

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

Brian urged members to pay their subscriptions as soon as possible. .£250 will have to be paid at the end of this month for the cost of the coach to Fernyhalgh. This will be recouped by the sale of tickets. Money to Supreme at Glasgow amounts will have to be paid by September at the latest. Concern was expressed at the tone of the letter from the Supreme Knight. He seemed to indicate that supporting a parish visit to the shrine of our Lady Council 188 were acting unethically. BHe indicated that the subscriptions need to be paid.

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

The DGK PC had telephoned the PGK John Kenyon who indicated he would be willing to speak at the three Masses in our parish churches as a means of recruiting new members .It was suggested him or Peter Greenhalgh might be available to give a lively and informative account to the KSC. Information leaflets have been prepared to hand out.

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

Paul reported that David Richards had had some tests and further tests are due to take place at Preston in the near future. Mrs Mary Jackson had recently spent some time in hospital. She has lost 3 stone but was seen recently at Mass in her local church.

It was suggested that brothers could keep in touch by telephone but the this will be on our agenda next month.

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

No report.

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

The website has been updated

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

No report.

***Debate***

The theme of this debate related to the failure of the 18-30 group to be actively involved in attending Mass and to be involved with the parish.

PC indicate that Sean Kerr had contacted catholic youth by Facebook and invited them to meet periodically at different venues. About 40 young people are involved..

Brothers offered wide number of ideas; Sporting events, -egg and spoon, five aside football, Music event, barbeque. Many events could be held on the lawn at St. Anne’s or the Hall at St. Josephs

Outcome –

1. Each brother is asked to identify some activity which would be of interest to young people and involve them in the parish functions.
2. Contact the visiting University Chaplain when he attends the parish to seek some idea’s from him.
3. It was suggested that St. Anne’s had some electronic games machines which could be used by young people competitively’

**AOB**

1. The September 3rd Provincial Meeting is to be held in the Marian Room at St. Anne’s.
2. We need a Chaplain. It was suggested that Fr. O’Brien from St. Marys would be an asset.
3. It was suggested that all parish priests were going to more active in all pastoral and ecclesiastical business on the Diocesan web site.

***Date of next meeting*** Tuesday August 20th at 7.30 in the Marian Room.

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