Knights of Saint Columba Accrington Council 188

Synopsis of Minutes of meeting held on Friday January 18th 2019

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

In attendance – Paul Cain (PC), Brian heap (BHe) Bernard Holden (BHo) Paul Moxham (PM) Eric Mullen (EM) Andrew Szlaz (AS) Paul Toman (PT), David Richards (DR)

Minutes of the last meeting only 4 attendees at the last meeting so no minutes produced.

Matters arising. None

Reports

Action Include report on action plan development

The day of recollection at St. Joseph’s suggested to be held in May along with a recruitment drive.

Some council members had received replies from the MP some are still awaiting a reply.

Treasurer Brian Heap Include report on action plan development

The treasurer gave a report on the Council’s finances. Subs for 2109 are currently unknown.

A letter had been received by the council from Play for Us thanking us for the donation.

The amount on the invoice from head office for the subs has to be paid without any deductions for the benevolent fund.

Deputy GK Paul Cain Include report on action plan development (PC) reported that Clitheroe council have now closed and other councils have lost several members. It was agreed to establish the email addresses of brothers from Clitheroe and try to encourage them to join us in Accrington. Minutes and agenda have been sent to all Clitheroe brothers.

A Presentation was given by BHe at a mass at St Anne’s Church explaining the role of the Knights of St Columba and asking for any new members.

It was suggested we borrow the marketing and recruitment material from province and display it at our recruitment drive in May at the day of recollection. BHe to email Peter Greenhalgh regarding what material is available.

Chancellor Paul Toman Include report on action plan development

JMc on antibiotics and Ann Smith in Hope House after recent illness.

Secretary John McManus Include report on action plan development

Technology Officer David Richard Include report on action plan development

Website was up to date and there are approximately 25 unique visitors a week looking at the website and 30 pages viewed.

Grand Knight Bernard Holden Include report on action plan development

Try and email the synopsis of our meeting to the PPs of all churches in our area so they can be pinned on their notice boards.

30 letters to be sent to Schools and Churches regarding the Easter / Palm Sunday events organised by the Knights.

The Poster and accompanying letter were approved by the Council.

The whereabouts of the large Palms was raised along the with the need to buy two more.

Surveys to be returned to Head Office

Debate “what I have done and failed to do”

The following points were raised:-

* The KSC restricts itself to men only.
* The age group of 18 to 30 are conspicuous by their absence in church
* Local MP not taking Catholic view on issues
* Need to identify small initiatives to raise the profile of Accrington KSC

AOB

Possible donation to the school cluster was raised but no decision taken

Date of next meeting

Our next meeting will take place at 7.30 on Thursday, February 14th 2019 in the Marion Room in St.Anne’s Presbytery in Cobham Road 7.30 pm,

PLEASE NOTE NEW VENUE

Closing of meeting

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