Knights of Saint Columba Accrington Council 188

Synopsis of Minutes of meeting held on November 19th 2019

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

***In attendance*** – Paul Cain (PC) Bernard Holden (BHo) John McManus (JMc)

Paul Moxham (PM) David Richards (DR) Paul Toman (PT) and Rev. Fr. S. Quigley

***Correspondence*** None

***Minutes of last meeting*** This was an informal meeting and brief notes were included with the agenda.

***Matters arising*** None

***Reports***

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

Bro’s Bernard Holden, Jed Gregory and Brian Heap attended the Remembrance Service in Oak Hill Park. Brian Heap laid the KSC wreath.

John McManus was asked to lay a wreath at the memorial in Mercer Park on behalf of St. Mary’s Clayton le moors.

It was proposed and passed that the KSC would arrange to interview the candidates for the General Election in Hyndburn. All faith groups will be invited to attend. St. James Old School on Cannon street is the venue on December 4th commencing at 6.30pm.

Each candidate will be asked questions for 18 minutes and then allowed to speak for 7 minutes. This will allow 5 minute interlude between speakers. All candidates will be asked the same questions.

The date and contents of the proposed speakers has not yet been finalised but it would seem we should be looking to 2020

A discussion took place on replacing the paper sent out to all residential hotels relating to the Mass times in Local churches. Concern was expressed on the possibility that the current Mass times may not be permanent. It was suggested that the current times should be identified and consultation with the Rural Dean should take place before printing.

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

No report.

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

Paul indicated difficulty in establishing a programme for the local churches. . It was suggested that another attempt be made to establish a speaker, proposed dates, agreement with the Parish priests and the distribution of publicity material after this event.

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

Paul reported that Brain Heap had been taken to Hospital suffering from what turned out to be a heart attack. Brothers were asked to offer up prayers for Brian and mass would be offered up for him and a Mass card would be sent to his wife Margaret.

In addition it was proposed to have a Mass offered up for our widows and a Mass card include in the Christmas presents we give to them.

A Mass and Mass card had been sent to Bro. Tony Young the past Provincial GK whose wife had recently died.

It was confirmed that Clare Brady was now living with her son at his address in Accrington.

Concern was expressed about the health of Rita Kafel’s the widow of an Accrington past GK. She lives in Deganwy near Llandudno. JMc indicated he would contact the local church to see if the local PP was visiting her and establish if a local KSC could help.

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

No report

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

David indicated our web site is receiving 20 hits per week,

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

No report

***Debate***

This centred on the questions received from the Christian Institute we should use in our interviews. Two questions were selected and other added.

***AOB***

200 leaflets Rosary leaflet have been ordered and delivered at a cost of £35. These will be delivered to churches which have run out of those previously supplied.

SPUC leaflets have been ordered and delivered and Fr Stamp has agreed to support the distribution in St Anne’s and St. Joseph’s Churches on a Saturday and Sunday to be agreed.

Paul Toman expressed concern about the health of Jed Gregory and Brian Heap and suggested we should not give them too much stress or strain.

***Date of next meeting*** December 17th in the Marian Room at St. Anne’s starting at 7.30 PM.

***Closing of meeting***

The meeting closed at 8.30 with prayers for our deceased brothers