

PASTORAL CO-ORDINATING GROUP MEETING
Tuesday 17th July 2012

PRESENT: Fr. Peter	Deacon John Sanders	John Ballard
Mary Phillips	Tom Regan	George Phillips
Linda Nolan	Sarah Down	Ann Bassett
Jackie Foster	Margaret Eustice	

Deacon John opened the Meeting with prayer

1. **APOLOGIES:** None

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as an accurate record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- **Open Meeting:** The Parish Open Meeting has been fixed for **Tuesday 4th September at 7.30pm**. Members of the PCG outlined previous formats for this meeting, advising Fr. Peter that it was necessary to have something more than a simple outline of the Parish finances. Fr. Peter is to give some thought to possible options for this year's Meeting.
- **Frequency of PCG Meetings:** Fr. Peter outlined his thoughts that the present monthly meeting of the PCG was not making the best use either of time or the talents of its members. He emphasised his appreciation of the support the PCG gave to his ministry but felt that less frequent meetings would give extra focus and more substance to the matters deliberated. After discussion the PCG decided to have a trial period of meeting every other month which will be reviewed in January.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

5. **JUSTICE AND PEACE**

- **CAFOD:** Angela Alderman is eager that the Parish should be thanked for its part in increasing CAFOD's estimated £2million target for Water Aid during Lent to an amazing £9million. This means that, with the Government's promise of match funding, £18million is available to assist water-providing projects, not only in Africa but also in other parts of the World.
- **FOSTAH:** John Ballard reported that FOSTAH has been given a grant of £250 from the Council and that a portion of this would be donated to St. Augustine's for the use of its facilities. This has unfortunately caused a minor misunderstanding in relation to accommodation for FOSTAH's meetings. They have been advised to ask for free accommodation from the 'One-stop Shop' for their meetings. It was pointed out that St. Augustine's had not requested any contribution from FOSTAH – it had been offered by FOSTAH itself – and that we, as a church community, would be very anxious to support the valuable work of FOSTAH with the homeless of our town by offering FOSTAH our facilities for their meetings without any constraints of a contribution from them. John is to inform the members of FOSTAH of this at their next meeting.

- John informed the PCG that Dorothy O'Shea was retiring from her involvement in the Justice and Peace Group. Her health has not been good recently and, although she is still carrying on with her other commitments in the church, she feels the need to cut back. All members of the PCG expressed concern for Dorothy and appreciation of all that she gives to parish life.

6. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

The necessary repairs to Fr. Peter's living room ceiling and the Priest's house hallway have been completed and Tom has contacted Tony O'Hanlon with a view to extractor fan being fitted in the kitchen to solve the problem of condensation in St. Monica's Room.

7. SOCIAL MATTERS:

- **St. Augustine's Feast Day:** The celebration Mass at 7.00pm on Tuesday 28th August will be followed by a 'bring a plate' Parish Supper. The CWL have agreed to co-ordinate the supper and the parish will supply the wine for this event. It was agreed that Mollie Cundy's suggestion of having the church open for prayer during the day was a very appropriate way of recognising St. Augustine's feast day. The church will be open from 10.00am until Mass at 7.00pm. A request for volunteers to man the Church in pairs for half an hour slots and to provide tea and biscuits will be put in the newsletter and a rota for parishioners to sign up will be placed on the notice board in the porch.
- **CWL Cream Tea:** Linda Nolan reported that the Cream Tea in aid of the Children's Hospice had been very well supported, especially by the parish and that the timing of it, immediately following a 12.30pm Mass, was a great success. The event raised over £500 which will be increased to £600 by the CWL for the work of the Children's Hospice.
- **Mevagissey Male Choir Concert:** The concert was a great success – a full church and lovely warm atmosphere. It was well supported by parishioners. George Phillips, a member of the choir, commented that the choir themselves were very appreciative of the friendly welcome and had greatly enjoyed the evening. He felt that it had done much to promote the Catholic cause and to dispel preconceived ideas among the non-catholic members of the choir!

8. ECUMENICAL MATTERS:

- **Bibles for Schools:** Jacqui Foster reported that CTSA had now purchased all the Bibles for this year.
- **Devon and Cornwall Food Association:** As this is up and running so well, the CTSA have decided that it no longer needs to be involved in any practical way. STAK is St. Austell's representative. In September, Action for Change is hoping that a representative from the Waste Disposal organisation will come and give a talk about the recycling of food.
- **CTSA Forum AGM:** The Churches Together in St. Austell are once again combining the AGM with a Forum debate. This will take place in September (Sarah to look up the date in office and inform members of PCG). Some officers are stepping down. At present most of the officers are members of the Clergy, Church leaders and Ministers. They feel that the pressures of their calling makes it difficult to meet the demands of serving as officers for CTSA and are keen to encourage members of the laity to take on the task.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Welcomers:** The Welcomers are experiencing difficulty in relation to communications re. changes in what is handed out to parishioners for weekend Masses. The information sheet left in the Narthex is sometimes lost before all Welcomers have seen it. After discussion it was decided to place Welcomer's information in a plastic leaflet stand in the Narthex for a trial period.
- **St. Michael's Catholic Secondary School:** John Ballard requested an update at the September PCG meeting on the progress of school (it maybe a little early to have any news) and information on how many of our own parishioner's children were pupils of the school.

Fr. Peter closed the meeting with prayer

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 18th September 2012 at 7.30pm