

St Mary's Catholic Church Nairn SC005122

Pastoral Council Meeting 16th November 2021

Present: Father Damian, John Dolan, Phil McBride, Stephen Knight, Mary Collier.

Apologies: Elaine de Ste Croix, Elaine MacDonald, Marie Cruickshank, Gigi Lucas, Moira Wilson.

Chairman said thankyou to Father Damian, for giving us an enjoyable night out with a meal.

New Member: Stephen Knight was welcomed to his first meeting.

Minutes: read and approved and accepted by Phil and seconded by Father Damian.

Matters arising: Beetle drives. This have varied in numbers between 12 people to 4/5. The group want to continue until the 9th of December for this year.

In the new year they will make a decision as to whether to continue, and possibly open the invitations up to some of the other churches.

Financial statements: At the end of October we had £ 25,000.00 in the bank. That figure included the first part of the gift aid. Another small amount of gift aid is still due.

Outstanding bill for the Roof repairs = £ 4,848.00

The levy on St Mary's will be £ 1,750 over the next 6 months.

We hope to raise money with the Coffee morning in December, the monthly first weekend collections and the Christmas collection envelopes.

The average weekly cost of running the church is about £ 600.00. Father Damian to put this figure on the information sheets given out at Mass.

There is no outstanding major expenditure expected in the immediate future.

Update on the Xmas Fayre and Coffee morning:

The subcommittee has met and plans are all in place. People have been given individual tasks. We discussed and agreed to place the table with the prizes on along the side of the kitchen area, where it would be out of the way, but inside and dry. Mary to bring a wooden table to hold the prizes.

Church Gazebo: Marie has been asked whether we would be prepared to hire out the gazebo, to somebody who is not a parishioner. This was discussed and we decided we should have a rule that we would only lend to parishioners, for a donation.

AOCB:

Moira sent an email message saying that she was uneasy about the Covid notices that are in the Church and the Hall. We discussed this. Father Damian puts up the notices and it was passed to him to make the final decision. He will let us know.

Steve suggested that we could consider having some sort of summer event to raise money.

Mary said that she thought Oxfam or Sciaf were now offering a sale or return on their products. Maybe we could think about that. Possibly involving the children doing the sales.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 7.30pm