



Our Lady and St Thomas of Canterbury Wymondham
Finance Committee

20th July 2022 (Wed)

5:00pm (Narthex)

Minutes

In attendance

Fr Pat Cleary
Fr Denis Gallagher
Nick Williams - Chairman
Martin Mclroy – Treasurer
Arnie McConnell – Outreach Project
Moira White - Member
Ella James – Member
Anne Lister – Member
Charley Purves – Member
Chrissie Baldwin – (Minutes)

No:	Minute:	Action
1.	<u>Opening Prayer</u> Opening prayer- Father Pat led the meeting with a prayer	
2.	<u>Apologies</u> Jenny Lysons	
3.	<u>To agree minutes of the last meeting (16th March) with any matters arising</u> Moira proposed, Martin seconded. There were no matters arising. All present agreed	
4.	<u>Faithful stewards of Gods gifts - Time, Talents and Treasure</u> Nick welcomed Sandra Portas (Stewardship and fundraising coordinator) to the meeting. Sandra introduced the programme which has been initiated by the bishop to help with fundraising and stewardship. Sandra confirmed that although this is non-negotiable programme for the diocese, it is for each parish to use it in the way it best suits them. There was some concern about introducing a programme that asks for extra funding from parishioners at a time when the cost of living is rising so drastically, however the committee decided that the best	

	delegation to Fr Pat and Nick to agree final budget. The budget as now agreed was presented to the meeting for information.	
6.	<p>Site update:</p> <p>Moria provided an update on Site issues; she confirmed that there is only minor essential maintenance to be carried out. The quinquennial review shows no major surprises. The main expense is the maintenance of the cellar which remains outstanding and needs to be carried out.</p>	Moria
7.	<p>Community Outreach Update – Verbal update</p> <p>Arnie thanked Fr Pat for being such an inspirational lead in the life of the community kitchen. Arnie reported that the team still has a lot of work to do, in what are difficult times for many and only getting more difficult.</p> <p>Arnie reported that the WCOP continues to work with both the Hope Church and the Methodist Church.</p> <p>The ongoing issue of the use of the meeting room and kitchen in the church for exclusive use by the project was discussed and remains a difficult issue to balance. Both the needs of the church community and that of the wider community cannot be overlooked. The excellent and inspiring work of the whole Community outreach team has been recognised externally by a South Norfolk Council who have awarded them Community Team of the year.</p> <p>The finance committee were keen to ensure that all needs are met for both the project and the potential reuse of the rooms by others. (See above 5.10)</p>	
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to put the minutes on the website. • Moria to consider a sub committee for dealing with the buildings. • The need for an Open Parish meeting was discussed, Teresa Wiseman is chair of the Parish Council, Fr Pat to engage to look for a future potential date. 	<p>Chrissie</p> <p>Moria</p> <p>Fr Pat</p>
9.	<p>Closing Prayer – Fr Denis closed the meeting with a prayer.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7:05 pm</p>	