

SUMMARY AND ACTIONS HEATING FUND MEETING 1 -HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST 2023

Present

Fr Francis, Chair

Christine Lambert PPC

Nick Dodd, PPC

Deirdre Golden

Ric Mairiaia

Sharon Cassidy

Mark James (PPC)

Katya Rios

Apologies

Eamon Rafferty (PPC & Finance)

Ian Smith

1. The draft Terms of Reference were shared, the proposal for a target of £15,000 over 3 years (Aug-Aug each year) and broad sources of income were discussed and agreed to ask for one-off donations which are “restricted” (designated for the Heating Fund only) and therefore need their own Gift Aid form. The aim would be to deliver the £15K sooner than 3 years, if possible. **All present agreed with terms and proposals.**

- 1.2 All agreed to sharing of group’s individual email addresses and telephone numbers between the group (**Christine to check with Ian and Eamon**)

Amount received to date is £581 for Cake Bake in August and a donation of £500 (whether gift aid to be added to be checked)

2. Ideas and discussions included:

- ✓ “seasonal “ approach eg build on the current events taking place to build the community eg World Rugby Cup “view in” and Strictly theme – with some dancing (perhaps some tuition from Ceroc at Malborough School) –

Question was raised – should these be open to the broader community as well as parishioners. It was felt that others could be invited (with the annual flowers/sparkling/tea events, friends are invited) – **ACTION needs developing – Ric?**

- ✓ Requesting support from local stores in terms of goods/donations- **Agreed (Ric and Sharon?)**
- ✓ Ask the parish if they have an item they would sell on Ebay, perhaps they could give the item to St Barts to sell it for to the heating fund.
- ✓ During October – Christmas 2023 – could we have “memorial” sculpture/capsule where people purchase. This would mean that a small amount could be spent and at the same time provide a long term memorial of that person/family **-idea needs further development – Deirdre?**
- ✓ Sponsor a candle with flowers on the sanctuary weekly - for two families to have a person/family remembered at all Masses for a week £20 per candle (would cost approx. £5 for candle and flowers) – **Fr Francis to finalise thoughts help needed. Agreed for Sept 2023**

- ✓ Latin American evening - £15 per person with buffet and dancing 7-11 pm. 4-5 Helpers required to start planning in October/Nov **Agreed for February 2024 (before Lent) - Katya**
- ✓ Christmas Fayre – with St Adrian’s School – **TBC if shared or a separate one for St Barts – Christine to check with Emma Smith**
- ✓ Dancing/music– Ceildh, line dancing event in the hall **(TBC)**
- ✓ Summer Fayre – 2024 - party with BBQ/Bouncy Castle **(TBC)**
- ✓ Wedding Dress fashion throughout the decades/vintage eg 50s/60s/70s/ 80s/90s plus floral bouquets (fashionable at the time?). Dresses displayed on “busts” – open up to a wider audience to see in St Barts how the church would be dressed with afternoon tea. **Christine to check idea with Sinead Hughes also re sparkling tea events March 2024 (tbc)**
- ✓ Bingo – held at St Albans & St Stephens –**TBC Nov? Jan?**

4 **Communication with the Parish**

Need to share the target asap – Fr Francis

4.1 Nick suggested a regular slot in the Newsletter showing what we have on and also the funds raised. **All agreed and Nick to design this and also “a pack” including Gift Aid form.**

5 **Ways of Operating –**

5.1 Keeping track of all income – check with Ian if he is willing to do this (if not Christine)

5.2 Meeting as a group every 6 weeks (though can research/share in the meantime in email)

6 **Draft Calendar to date**

2023

August – Bake off £

Sept – Weekly sponsored candles start

7 Oct – Auction

Nov – Cake Bake

Dec – Christmas Fayre

2024

Jan - Bingo?

February – Latin American Evening

March – Wedding dresses?

April

May

June

July

August

7. **Date of next Meeting – propose Monday 16 October via Zoom**

Draft v1 - Christine Lambert 5 September 2023