

SEATON DELAVAL PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Parishes of

Our Lady and St. Joseph Sacred Heart St. Cuthbert St. John The Baptist St. Paul St. Wilfrid

Minutes of the meeting held at St. John The Baptist, Annitsford on 21.06.18

Present : Fr. R. Harriott, A. Hardy, Fr. P. Quinn, K. Little, Fr. J. Dunne, J. Shepherd, J. Hawthorne, K. Maggs (representing parish of St. John the Baptist in the absence of Gerry Killen), D. Brown, Fr. L. Barrett

1. Opening prayer

2. Apologies for absence

G. Killen, T. Turner, P. Marley, P. Battersby, R. Wareing

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

4. Communications.

i. Bulletin

J. Hawthorne will write a personal profile. Corpus Christi procession (Cramlington), Partnership Mass and Social and Faith in Action Awards will be included in the next bulletin which will be distributed before the end of the school term.

ii. IT Communications

Nothing to report since initial meetings.

iii. Social Media

Partnership Facebook page is still operative. Information for inclusion should be sent to Fr. Lee. Potential administrators should also contact Fr. Lee.

iv. Diocesan Issues

a. Council of the Laity

- K. Little will attend the meeting on 7 July.

b. Deans and Chairs Conference

- Fr. Jim and K. Little attended this meeting. Enthusiasm for continued meetings of this group was low. It was felt that meetings within the Vicariate would be more fruitful.
- There will be a Partnership Conference on 15 September at Sacred Heart High School, Fenham.

c. Youth Ministry Conference

- J. Shepherd attended the conference. The Keynote address, delivered by Fr. Dominic Howarth (Brentwood Diocese and Chair of Organising Committee for Flame), was very well received.
- The wide range of workshops also had a positive response.
- Flame Rally will be held on March 2, 2019.
- There will be a Co-Workers' Meeting at the Emmaus Youth Village on 8 July, 3.00pm-5.00pm. The meeting is open to all adults who work with young people.
- Faith In Action Awards will be introduced in the Diocese. It was felt that this would be a positive way in which we might be able to maintain engagement of young people during year 6 and on transition to High school. Representatives from Sacred Heart Parish will attend. Other parishes are welcome to send delegates to either of the meetings which will be held on

Thursday 5th July 7.00pm - 8.30pm St Aloysius Parish Hall, Hebburn

Friday 6th July 1.30pm - 3.00pm St Joseph's Catholic Academy, Hebburn

d. **The Unconference**

- R. Wareing attended this event. A report on the meeting was submitted. Copies were distributed to the PDG.

5. **Spiritual Activities/Formation**

J. Hawthorne gave an outline of the Spirituality Group's activities (further details are contained in the minutes of their meeting).

- On behalf of the Spirituality Group, John requested funds to purchase copies of *Divine Renovation*, a book which would provide the basis for future development within the Partnership. K. Little suggested that, in addition to the Spirituality group, members of the PDG should also be given a copy of the book. Fr. Philip pointed out that the book was an excellent resource and would provide details of further texts to be read. K. Little proposed funding this project, seconded by J. Hawthorne and passed unanimously.
- An *Awayday* will be held in the Autumn Term for the PDG and the Spirituality Group. John will contact the relevant people to ascertain the most suitable date.
- 33rd Sunday of the Year. K. Little has contacted the J&P Group which will meet on 3 July and then report back. This will enable the PDG to consider future action at the next meeting.

6. **Social Activities**

- Family Fun Day - 8 July - St. John the Baptist, Annitsford
- Coffee morning to raise funds for St. Oswald's Hospice - 24 June - after 10.00am Mass - Sacred Heart.
- Partnership Mass - 28 September - Blyth

7. **Finance Report**

Minutes will be distributed

8. **Property and Facilities**

Still awaiting the Toolkit from the Diocese.

9. **Planning**

Vision/Planning will be based on the work of the Spirituality group. Movement will be gradual. Fr. Philip pointed out that we need to identify the destination. Fr. Jim commented on the need for spiritual/pastoral leadership at Diocesan level and pointed out that leadership is being provided by the Spirituality Group at Partnership Level. He also stressed that people rather than administration are important.

10. **Matters Arising**

The Eucharistic Congress was discussed. Attendance from the Partnership now appears to be 3 people. Transport and accommodation have to be organised by those attending. The PDG agreed to cover reasonable costs.

11. **Any other business**

Nothing was raised.

12. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 5 September, 7.30pm at St. John the Baptist, Annitsford

13. **Closing Prayer**