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Also a purchase of votives costing £177 (the last order was made August 2006 costing £276). Utilities shows £114 to British Gas, being a closing balance due to them. Church Maintenance and Ex-ord outgoing shows £310.50 each, this is in respect of the bill for drain and wall repairs. December figures will show the Hall's half contribution towards this bill. Fundraising costs show the purchase of raffle tickets and Fees paid out are in respect of the recent marriage.

Having done a quick reconcile to 15th December, the bank balance stood at £6220 and with the outstanding bill due to Daniel Forshaw, I feel happy that we can now pay this (£1966.48) with the PCC's agreement.

The PCC agreed that the amount of £1966.48 should be paid to Daniel Forshaw.

Carol

For the second half of December, if we can keep our outgoings down we should be able to carry over to 2009 a reasonable bank balance. This will give us a good start to the 2009 Quota and hopefully look to start repaying funds to the Hall Deposit account.

LTSB – Income shows retiring collections and Wednesday Coffee credits, the outgoing side shows payments made to various charities together with donations made by Wednesday Coffee collections.

Carol said she had received an e-mail from Gordon Beer who was just making contact before the year end.

5. **Committee Reports**

- a) Fabric and Finance
These minutes were circulated to the PCC before the meeting.
- b) Quinquennial
Not met
- c) 40th Anniversary
Not yet met
- d) Pastoral
These minutes were circulated to the PCC before the meeting.
- e) Hall
Colin said that David C. is looking at the hall budget and will come back to the February PCC.
- f) Fundraising
Fr Mike thanked everyone for their hard work, particular thanks to Jane R-O and Rosemary Monk, in making the Christmas Bazaar such a success.
- g) Social
Not met
- h) Deanery Synod
Linda gave the following report:
The meeting took place on 27th November at Hart Plain. There was a low attendance with insufficient clergy to form quorum. There was a presentation by Gareth Denby, Further Education Adviser Portsmouth Diocese on "Chaplaincy in Further Education". Surprisingly chaplaincy is not funded by the Diocese at present. It is voluntary and normally supported by the college or NHS funding. We have 2 of 7 colleges in the diocese in our deanery – Havant and South Downs – and 60 to 70%

David C.

of 16-19 year olds in Hampshire are at College so this is an important spiritual contact other than by going to Church. Faith and community cohesion is a high government priority looking at preventing violent extremism. More chaplains are needed, can be lay people and some parish priests are involved.

From the Finance report St George's now needs to pay £30 for the Koforidua stipend project to the deanery.

On Kairos – grant schemes are up and running again for mission only projects. Kairos Building Phase – hardbooks collected. Parish action needed in Spring 2009, followed by action within clusters and deanery pulling ideas together by end of year.

Deanery Pastoral Committee meets on 7th October 2009 with representatives from 3 parish partnerships. Also looking at clergy deployment and ministerial needs. St Faiths interregnum and Purbrook vacancy in January when Karen Schmidt retires.

[Fr Mike said there was a Wardens and Clergy meeting. There was discussion about whether they should replace Karen Schmidt and in the end the recommendation was that she would be replaced and could be linked to the chaplaincy at South Downs College].

Diocesan Synod – changes in clergy terms of employment.
Child Protection – CRB clearance current duplication for professions will cease as Independent Standards Authority are taking over and will be able to share information.

Report from Fr Mike on Meeting with Sunday School leaders - 25th November

1. Leaders very positive about having envelopes for the children in Sunday School to put their money in. 2 children will come over at the offertory to take it up with the adults.
2. Invite parents of young children to run a separate crèche in the committee room and put child friendly posters on the cupboard doors. Colin will create more space in there. Some of the Mums will need to be CRB checked.
3. Leaders felt that the older children (confirmation age – KS2) should be in Church for the Eucharistic prayer and will sit with the leaders in the front row on the piano side of the Church, at least twice a month. Younger children will come in in time for the Lord's prayer, stand at the font and then come down the middle to receive communion at the same time as the Choir and then sit on the right hand side and the only ones sitting on the carpet should be the very young children. At the Family Eucharist Youth Club would then sit in the second rows and reserved notices would be put out.
4. In the letter to parents they were asked not to bring toys from home to play with.
5. It is proposed to hold an outing to Taro Centre on a Sunday afternoon around Easter. Parents will have tea and children will use the bouncy castle and the young ones the ball pit and Taro staff will supervise them while parents have time for a chat. This will cost £10 per child and they asked if the PCC would subsidise £60 so that they could charge £5 per child. Julia seemed to think

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there was quite a lot of money in the Building Society which could be used for this. Fr Mike will ask if there is money in their funds for this. If not PCC happy to subsidise and this was proposed by David C. and seconded by Colin.

Fr Mike

6. **Sunday Bulletin – samples from Dick**

This will go forward to the next meeting.

Dick

7. **Lay Assistants**

Fr Mike reminded everyone that they are supposed to be approaching people and letting him have names.

All

8. **Tall Candles – possible replacement of plastic covers**

Adrienne asked that the artificial candles at St George and Our Lady be replaced. The candles are now metric whereas the holders are imperial and the candles don't fit properly. The candles Adrienne proposed would burn for 96 hours instead of the 18 hours with the present ones. However the price for the 6" candles used at present is £1 and the 18" would be £8. After discussion it was decided that we should look into the cost of replacing the tubes with metric ones.

Fr Mike

9. **Date for discussion on Future of St George's Youth Club**

Fr Mike gave 3 possible dates and it was decided to hold the meeting on Tuesday 20th January (**see note below**) at 7.30 pm at the Vicarage. This would be for current Youth Club leadership and parents, certain specifically invited individuals and a general invitation to any interested members of the congregation to think about the future of the Youth Club after the summer term 2009.

Fr Mike

[POST MEETING NOTE: The original date of 20th January discussed at the meeting was not convenient for some so it was agreed to now hold it on TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.30 PM at the Vicarage].

9. a) **Charities**

Fr Mike asked for some volunteers to meet to decide on the Charities from February for the next year. Leon, Linda and David P. will join Fr Mike and will sort out a date after this meeting. Fr Mike will put a note in the Bulletin to ask people if they wish to nominate a charity to be discussed.

Fr Mike,
Leon, Linda,
David P.

10. **Correspondence**

- Fr Mike said that Edwards Funeral Directors had very kindly given St George's a brand new CD player with Ipod docking after ours was stolen.
- David C. distributed some information on Utilities Warehouse. He had asked for a personal quote which worked out a lot cheaper than his present supplier and thought he would give the PCC a chance to do the same if they wished.

[Post Meeting Note: At the end of the paper that was circulated to PCC members on Wednesday evening I advised that if further enquiries were made then the Membership number for the Church should be quoted. This is apparently incorrect and the number that should be quoted is the number allocated to the Church as a 'Community Fundraiser' being B31366]

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 19th January 2009** following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm followed by refreshments kindly provided by Fr Mike and Lynda.