

St Margaret's Memorial Church Men's Group.

Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 4th July 2017.

Present: - John McIlDuff (Chair), Mike Spencer, John Mackintosh, David Macintosh, Bob Creaney, Mike Murphy, Frannie McNicoll (FN), Martin McNicoll, Tom Reid (TR), Peter Carney, Mike Pendlowski (MP), Christopher Nwachukwu (CN), Peter Seath, Stephen Downie, Peter Dunn.

Apologies: - Tom Scott (TS) (Chairman) Martin Wilkinson (Secretary), Brian Robertson.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of 6th June had been revised and accepted. These minutes will be issued as a draft and after revision and acceptance will be posted on the website.

Finances

The finances were not discussed at the meeting. The balance is the same as before less the cost of pizzas bought for this meeting which was £14.40. The balance stands at £390.53.

Spiritual

We need a **Spiritual Programme**. There was support for having regular spiritual meetings before the Advent ones start. Suggested discussions included considering the next Sunday's gospel or discussing encyclicals. Fr Chris may have something we can do. TR to talk to him. Maybe start after the holidays

Assistance to other Parish Groups

- NTR.

Social Programme

Events since our last meeting

Men's Group meal in Incontri on Wednesday 28th June, 2017 6 men attended and had a pleasant evening.

Events and Activities Program for 2017/18

- Aircraft carrier visit. 21 July, 1000-1130. At least 11 people are known to be interested in going. Some have said they would like to bring spouses. Priority should be given to the Men's group and spouses could be allocated spare places left (if any). The dockyard will confirm arrangements more precisely to Tom Scott soon. We expect the party to be limited to 20. We will need to furnish names in advance and possibly also vehicle details. MP agreed to coordinate but TS will be receiving the further details from the dockyard and will pass them on to him. TR to send the list of those interested to MP.
- A theatre trip to Pitlochry – MP has purchased 12 tickets for the 8 pm performance of High Society on Saturday 29th July. Taking 3 cars would be easiest MP, TR offered so another car is needed. Mike will let us know the arrangements.
- Big screen television in crypt – last night of proms in 3rd week of September is a possible occasion to which spouses could be invited. Other possibilities could be European Football Evenings. MP reported there is no TV licence. There was a proposal passed that the Men's Group should offer to pay the licence fee. MP to speak to Fr Chris.
- Cruise on *Maid of the Forth* from South Queensferry on Friday 18th August at 7.30pm. 25 people are going and 25 tickets have been purchased. Tickets must be paid upfront to book. If anyone else would like to come let JM know asap. JM will look at mini bus or bus and report.
- Meal out with partners to be later this year, in Autumn, organise later
- Hogmanay celebration in the crypt. Organise later- nominate someone to discuss with Fr Chris
- Operetta tour to Austria in August 2018. Eight people are interested. Operetta each evening and lots of day sightseeing trips. Anyone interested let MP know.

- Wine tasting - next year.
- Parish Olympics -A date of 18/11/2017 was decided on PC will plan and issue plans later.
- Sunday walks started. The first half of the Hillfoots Way was completed by a group of seven on Sunday 2nd July. Local walks are most popular if anyone has ideas about local walks please circulate. Walks will resume soon but the weather forecast will determine when.

- Bowling at Fife Leisure Park suggested as a new activity – already done regularly by Ladies’ Group – Discuss at next meeting. Challenge the Ladies Group?
- Golf – FM agreed to organise a golf outing in September at Thornton. Date details etc will follow.
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 - multicultural Burn’s night
- Eden Brewery/Distillery at Guard Bridge - directly reached by service bus from Dunfermline so no driving or coach hire is needed - lunch can be taken at a pub in Guard Bridge .A Friday in September was proposed.JM agreed to get details and circulate.
- Multi-Cultural Burns Night- CN agreed he would discuss with Fr Chris including an African Vigil Mass before the event.

AOB.

- NTR

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th August at 7.30PM. We could order Fish and Chips and have it delivered to the crypt And pay for what we order.