

## St Margaret's Memorial Church Men's Group.

### Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**Present:** - Tom Scott (Chair), - John McIllduff, (Treasurer), John Mackintosh, Brian Robertson, Frannie McNicoll, Bob Creaney, Tom Reid, Peter Carney, Mike Pendlowski, David Macintosh, Mike Murphy, Christopher Nwachukwu.

**Apologies:** - Martin Wilkinson (Secretary).

### Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> November were accepted after amendment. There were no formal minutes from the brief meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December.

As meeting minutes will now reach a wider audience via the Parish Website it was agreed that they should be restricted to report on and record plans, actions and action parties. They will be agreed at the following meeting before being posted on the web site.

### Finances

The group's balance is £209.22. A total of £1076.78 was raised at the Fun Wine Tasting evening on 26<sup>th</sup> November of which £1,045.00 has been sent to Fr. John in India where he is working with street children.

### Spiritual Matters

- Our Jubilee of Mercy Scripture Meetings concluded at the last meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November. Attendance at these meetings averaged about 10 people.
- Advent Scripture meetings ran from 29<sup>th</sup> November for 4 weeks. Average attendance at these meeting was 10 with about 14 people joining for one or more meetings.
- George Toal has suggested using Pope Francis's book "**Rediscovering the Heart of a Disciple**" as a resource for future Scripture meetings. A copy of the book is being circulated for view. If there is sufficient interest we will start Scripture meetings using this resource after Lent. Please ensure the book is circulated around the group quickly and return it to Tom Scott when finished. Action – Tom Scott.

### Assistance to other Parish Groups

- Assistance to put up the Christmas tree in the Church was requested and given.

### Social Programme

#### Events since our last meeting

- **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Theatre trip to Pitlochry Festival Theatre.** 23 Parishioners participated in the trip to have High Tea and see Para Handy the Musical. It was a great success and we will plan a similar event for 2017.
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. David Seath Pub Quiz** at Garvock House. Two teams from St Margaret's participated with one of the teams coming second place. It was a good evening and helped raise funds for a worthwhile cause.
- **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Fun Wine Tasting Evening.** This whole Parish event was attended by over 50 people. It was a very successful fun evening and from it we have raised £1076.78 for Fr. John's work with street children in India.
- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Men's Group Christmas Dinner.** 12 members attended this fun evening.

### Planned Events.

- **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Multi-Cultural Burns Night.** There has been a high demand for tickets for this event. To accommodate as many people as possible we will use the back Crypt if necessary. We will use this event to raise funds for the "Save Offor Appeal Fund". Christopher Nwachukwu who heads the appeal will say a few words about Offorbike Eze during the evening. We will accept donations during the evening and run a raffle to raise funds for this appeal. Final planning / actions for this event: -
  - 20 more tickets have been made available for distribution at next weekend Masses. Action – Tom Scott & John Mackintosh.
  - Check stock of disposable plates, cutlery and tumblers to cater for up to 80 people and make up stock as required. Action Tom Reid & Tom Scott.
  - Circa 80 wine glasses to be ordered on loan (no cost) from Tesco. Action – John McIllduff.

- o Microphones, etc. to be set up for as required for Musicians. Action Mike Pendlowski.
- o Table décor (flower arrangements) to be requested. Action – Tom Reid.
- o Raffle – Members are requested to donate any items suitable for Raffle Prizes. Tickets to be purchased. Action – Tom Scott.
- o We will setup the Crypt after 10am Mass on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>. Volunteers required.
- **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Parish Winter Olympics.** This was a very successful event last year. Detailed planning will be carried out at our next meeting. Availability of Crypt to be confirmed – Action Tom Scott. We will start selling tickets (£5) from weekend starting 4<sup>th</sup> February – Action Tom Scott.
- **March.** Visit to the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh. Open for group visits daytime Monday to Friday or Friday evenings. We will check the availability for a Friday evening group visit in March. Action – Tom Scott.
- **4<sup>th</sup> April. Annual General Meeting.** We will make this a social event to encourage wider participation from the men of the Parish. Planning will take place at a later meeting.

**Other suggested activities still to be scheduled: -**

- Visit to the Aircraft Carrier Visitors Centre. We are still waiting for a suggested date from our contact at Babcock's.
- Pitlochry Festival Theatre trip. Proposals for summer program events to be circulated. Action – Mike Pendlowski.
- Promise Auction / Secret Action event.
- Hogmanay in the Crypt.

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Crypt.**