

St. Margaret's Parish Men's Group

Minutes of Meeting – Thursday 9th February 2023

Present: Tom Scott (Chair), John Mcilduff (Treasurer), Martin Wilkinson (Secretary), Frannie McNicoll, Martin McNicoll, Pete Seath, Stephen Downie, Andrew Flinn, Ken Ritchie, George Connolly, Bob Creaney, Tom Condi, David Macintosh, Fr. Chris Heenan

Apologies for absence: Joe Wilson,

This was a brief meeting to consider only more immediate matters, held in the Commercial Inn, just before the Men's Group Meal in Khushi's.

Finances: The Group's balance is still £589.46 including £127 profit from the raffle at the St Andrew's Night event. It was felt at the last meeting that the £127 income from the raffle could be donated to a charity. At this meeting it was decided to donate it via David Hambley in support of our parish's Bonnie Brew warm space project. In the event that the whole sum is not used for Bonnie Brew, the unspent balance can be used by David for the One World Group.

Spiritual Programme:

Lent Activities. David Hambley is starting a series of seminars, discussion sessions and video presentations during Lent and then continuing thereafter, under the title *The Gift*. Further details are in the parish bulletin. So as not to conflict with this it was decided not to run our group's normal Lenten discussion sessions. Amanda has also decided that she will not be running any competitive devotion.

(Further note added after meeting: The men's Group has been asked to present the Stations of the Cross on Thursday 2nd March. Please note that the Stations run by parish groups have been moved to Thursday evenings).

Social Events

- **Gin or Wine Tasting.** Preference was for gin. Ewan Skinner, gin expert, should be invited – preferred dates 14th or 22nd April.
(Note added subsequent to meeting: Ewan is not available for these dates but is available on 28th April so has been booked for that date). Suggested that entry charge should be £15 per person as this includes gin.
- **Theatre Trip.** Mike Pendlowski is waiting for the summer programme from Pitlochry before confirming his proposal.

Day of meeting. Most respondents to the question about preferred nights for our regular monthly meetings were happy with both Tuesday and Thursday nights with a slight majority in favour of the latter. It was decided to move our meetings to Thursday nights.

Parish website. We are on the list of groups included on the new website and have our own page.

Any Other Business: St Fillan's Church in Aberdour is celebrating its 900th anniversary this summer. There are likely to be celebrations as part of the Aberdour Festival in late July and Inchcolm is to be involved with the ferry running from Aberdour. There is scope in this for some kind of social activity.

Next meeting: Using Thursday evenings the next two meetings were suggested for 2nd March and 13th April at 7.30. On 2nd March we are presenting the Stations which normally take about half an hour and start at 7pm so our meeting will start after the Stations have finished.