

anglican parish of BOKSBURG
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

9th April 2018

*To be a welcoming family of developing Christians, engaging with the community and striving for
the glory of God.*

Serving God and serving one another.

1 ROUTINE MATTERS

1.1 Welcome and attendance:

Present:

Clergy: Fr Tom Amoores, Deacon Barbara Morrison

Parish Wardens: Andrew Vito, Khaya Mnyandu, George Chaplin

Locally elected councillors:

Jeffrey Francis, Kyle Nel, Ann Iglauer, Vusi Ndlovu, Owen Ramakgapola, Edna Douglas, Deirdre & Robbie Paterson

Vestry elected councillors: Margaux Feris, Zakes Khumalo, Janice Lyttle, Peter Sprong, Pip Chaplin, Mark Holland.

Fr Tom welcomed everyone with a special welcome to the new councillors. He explained that in the Councilors hand book, the opening prayer on pg 9 is used and the addenda on pg 11 is followed. This hand book needs to be brought to all meetings.

1.2 Council Office.

The office was said.

1.3 Minutes of Previous meeting.

Were accepted and signed

1.4 Matters Arising:

01/4.1 Marius Vos - rubbish on corner. After it had been voted on to remove it from the agenda, Vusi raised the issue again. It is therefore re-instated and awaiting action.

02/4.1 Dance group and use of hall – to be removed from agenda.

03/4.1 Youth Worship –. Owen agreed to withdraw his motion.

04/4.1 Carpets for St Gabriel's – Carpets laid

08/4.1.2 Fund raising bottle drive – Andrew proposed that a new committee consisting of a member from each congregations should be elected. Margaux was nominated and accepted the position of convenor and rep from St Michael's. Vusi proposed Zakes as rep from St Raphael's, who accepted. Jeffrey Francis said he was willing to stay on the committee as he was on previously. His association with st Gabriel's will ensure contact with that congregation.

01/4 Vestry & auditor - Fr Tom has met with John Borthwick, from Nigel, and he has agreed to be our auditor.

2 PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

- 2.1 AHE: Margaux reported - Expenses are up owing to electrical & plumbing costs, and the payment of a deposit for work on the heat pump stand. The surplus is R 15,000 which is R 5000 up on the budget. of R 10000.00
- 2.2 APB: Margaux Reported - Income is slightly down compared to budget. This is due to the Vodacom towers not being an income month. Dedicated giving is also down. Maintenance is also up owing to the carpets fitted in St Gabriel's. We have a deficit of R 43000 compared to R 3000 budgeted surplus. George requested that Margaux move Vodacom income in the budget to the months that it comes in. Robbie queried the maintenance deficit as the carpets were funded from a donation. Margaux will offset this amount against the donation in the balance sheet account.

3 CORRESPONDENCE AND E-MAIL DISCUSSIONS

- 3.1 HABSR - Highveld Anglican board of Social Responsibility. The Tambo babies fall under HABSR. HABSR are running a raffle and we have been given 20 tickets to sell at R 100 each. The draw will be held with the big dinner in October. There will also be a prize for the parish that sells the most tickets.

4 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

- 4.1 Personnel: staff matters and appointments; Fr Tom proposed that Margaux be the treasurer for the parish and Anglican Housing. Fr Tom stated that the position means being part of the Executive. Margaux was accepted.
- 4.1.2 Fr Tom said that we would be switching from internet banking to business online banking, and explained the difference. Zakes said that it is a very safe and efficient system. Mark said that he thought the bank charges were quite high. Fr Tom said that while the basic fee is higher, for over 30 transactions in the month it is the cheaper option.
- 4.1.3 Fr Tom said Andrew will be putting a proposal together for the office phone, as it was off for over a month and it gets very difficult to work without a phone and internet.
- 4.1.4 Team Leaders- The Executive proposed the appointment of -
St Gabriel's - Edna Douglas,
St Michael's - Peter Sprong
The two appointments were approved, and the nominees accepted the positions.
Fr Tom indicated that they are expected as part of their duties to attend Executive. Further, Team Leaders are to give the notices when the Rector is not present.
- 4.1.5 Rector - after July;- Fr Tom asked council if they were willing to have him stay on for another year, taking into consideration that he has already booked a 5 week holiday in October and has two others during the year. Council was happy to accept this and have Fr Tom stay on for a further year.
Peter asked if the Diocese had a plan in place for when Fr Tom does leave. Fr Tom said there wasn't and there are already a number of Parishes without rectors.

4.2 MATTERS FROM THE DIOCESE/ PROVINCE / COMMUNION NIL

4.3 LITURGY AND WORSHIP NIL

4.4 PASTORAL MATTERS NIL

4.5 MAINTENANCE

The executive will arrange a tour of the properties including the Rectory. Fr Tom has warned that the Rectory will need a lot of maintenance before a new Rector moves in. He suggested that a possibility is to sell the rectory as it is too large and buy a smaller one.

Security - break in palisade fencing in East parking at St Michael's. The Executive will be making a proposal about security in the area behind the hall, following one of the uprights in the palisade being removed and access gained to the vodacom generator, to steal the batteries. Jeffrey asked if we are responsible for the insurance. Fr Tom replied that Vodacom have their own insurance. The paving company across from the car park has very generously paved on the outside of the palisade.

4.6 FUNDRAISING AND FELLOWSHIP

Line dance Friday 8th June at St Raphael's - Pip to organise and will recruit people to help her.
The next occasion will be the big walk in August

5 REPORTS

5.1 Social Responsibility

a) Pedlar Place Occupancy

Pip reported that the occupancy is at 100% and she has a few people on the waiting list. The parking problem has been sorted out, and the lift and heat pump are working well.

Khaya asked if there were any tenant issues. Pip replied that there were none. Edna asked if all the rents are up to date. Pip said there was one tenant who was 2 months in arrears and had said it would be paid by Wednesday,

b) St Raphael's Pre Primary School

Ann read out her report

c) Projects

Tambo Babies; Dcn Barbara sent her report via email.

St Michael's Creche - Fr Tom said we need a new liaison as Merrill was no longer on council. Pip and Janice both offered and Pip will take it on.

5.1 The Wider Church

a) Link Parish

Merrill had written again and there was still no response. Dcn Barbara said she hadn't heard from them in over a year. In view of Merrill no longer being on Council Fr Tom asked if we should appoint someone else. No one was forthcoming so we will rely on Barbara to report on behalf of Merrill.

5.3 The Environment

Nil.

6 GENERAL

Andrew raised a request to him from a group of youngsters who play soccer on our West parking, for the church to organise a soccer club for them. Zakes from his experience at the parish of Katlehong, and Edna and George from their experience with sports leagues recommended against our being able to undertake this. The matter was dropped.

The Angel Sweep draw for Jan and Feb was done. Edna has agreed to continue running Angel Sweep.

7 NEXT MEETING AND CLOSURE:

Council Mon 7th May 19.00 at St Michael's

Closure. The meeting closed with the Grace at 20.30pm

CHAIRMAN

DATE