

The Church Warden's report to Vestry - 2016

Introduction

Another year went by and a new milestone completed. The council adopted the 2015 decision of a turnaround strategy reducing the number of councillors. This has been a different year as more was achieved and more involvement obtained from councillors.

The journey of the council

In this term our challenges were reduced and lot more work was done. A lot more involvement by the whole council was seen and more engagement started to take place.

The leadership of Deacon Barbara Morrison has achieved beyond one can imagine. Deacon Barbara is leading the mother and child care at OR Tambo hospital where donations are made to the newly born. Together with her team, a total of just over a thousand gifts were distributed during the year. Some of you might have seen this in the Boksburg Advertiser. Thanks you Deacon Barbara and you r team, you were a blessing.

A new fund-raising committee established made of both councillors and non-councillors. The purpose of this team was to see to the success of all the planned activities of both fund-raising and fellowship. Thanks to all members for their insurmountable contribution.

The St Raphael Pre-primary School also has made a tremendous turnaround. The school managed to receive registrations enough to cover their operating cost. This therefore means the school becomes no burden to our finances and that it will start financing the loan. We pray for the growth in the current year registration which will eventually see the payment of the Capital funding starting to show.

Effectiveness of the Council

Renew Africa continued to play its role in drawing more and more people. A new session 2 of Renew Africa has also realised a growth in attendance throughout the parish.

As for the Anglican Housing for the elderly (Pedlar Place) there is still a lot to be done with 3 vacant flats. Flats are cleaned when tenants vacate and we organised a braai for tenants in November which went down very well. . We have to make the sliding gate more secure as they tried to remove

the arm and the motor. Thanks to Pip with the help of Lettie our caretaker and her husband for managing and keeping their eyes and ears on our behalf. Also thanks to all our tenants.

The financial status of the church is still to see a better growth. In his detailed version of the movement of money within the church, the Treasurer gave his account last Monday. We are playing a catch-up and just made the budget by a slim margin. This is not looking good as per line item we can easily see that our dedicated giving has taken a nose dive and we are carried by contract from Vodacom.

Conclusion

Thanks to you all, including those who are not here with us today. We thank you for allowing and entrusting us with such a huge responsibility of Warden and alternate Warden in this Parish. We hope we fulfilled the task assigned to us as per the expectations.

Thank you

Frans Malema on behalf of Wardens