

St Lewis' Croft SVP Conference

Minutes of meeting held on 9 March 2022, 7.00pm

Attendees:

Paul Unsworth, Gerry Hamilton, Gill Hamilton, Debbie Knowles, John Blears, Kath Lee, Maureen Horn, Maureen Talbot

Apologies:

Madeleine Blears
Carole Parr
Denise Fletcher

Opening prayers were said

Spiritual reading was given by Kath

Matters discussed:

- 1) Gill has spoken to Fr Gordon about seeking volunteers from All Saints. He said he would think about who might be interested and speak to them individually when there was an appropriate opportunity to do so.
- 2) Maureen Horn has spoken to the pastoral staff at All Saints regarding any families who might be in need of support. She was told that Easter Hampers for two families would be very much appreciated and the group agreed to provide these. There may also be an opportunity in the near future to assist another child.
- 3) It was agreed that the pastoral member of staff could be invited to an SVP meeting at some future point.
- 4) Maureen Talbot agreed to contact St Catharine's school before the next meeting.
- 5) Kath had been contacted by the President of the Central Council, who advised that the Membership Officer is keen to visit all conferences in the area.
- 6) Fr Gordon has been given a donation of £120 to the SVP from the family of a deceased parishioner of All Saints.
- 7) Fr Gordon is in need of the conference bank details in order to write a cheque for the amount raised by the recent special collection for SVP.

Action points arising from matters discussed:

Matter Discussed	Action	Who	By when
Schools	Contact St Catherine's school re families who may need assistance.	Maureen T	Next meeting
Easter Hampers – All Saints	Make up 2 Easter Hampers to the value of £25 plus Easter Eggs for each child	Kath and Gill	Next meeting
Donation	Put note of thanks in newsletter for donation of £120	Kath	ASAP
Member activity	Provide form for each member to record the time they spend on SVP activity	Gill	Next meeting

Visits:

Family in Lowton (£50 grant given)

2 visits in St Lewis' parish

Visits before next meeting:

3 in St Lewis' parish

Correspondence:

None

Treasurers Report:

John explained that despite significant effort, and speaking to Central Council, he had still been unable to get himself added as a signatory on the new bank account. We have no cheque book yet. Money can be paid in, as we have a bank account number, but nothing can be withdrawn. Gerry to look into this further.

Safeguarding Issues

None

AOB

Debbie reported that she had attended Safeguarding training, and that she had noted that safeguarding issues need to be an item at each meeting.

Debbie discussed that for the purposes of the annual report she needs to know the time that each member spends on SVP activity. Gill to provide a form which she uses at Leigh conference for each member to record the time spent during the year on conference activities.

Next meeting - 6 April at 7.00pm.
