

Minutes of PACT Committee meeting held on 1/11/2023 at St Laurence Church

Present: John Callaghan, Ivan Huntingdon-Thresher, Rev Bruce Deans, Jenny Parkes, Madeleine King, Naomi Gordon-Smith, Jenny Ballinger, Christine Traynier

Apologies : Christine Tully, Fr Peter Hollins, Brian Edwards

1. Welcome and Prayers.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising

Minutes were accepted and there were no matters arising.

3. Christmas Lunch

£285 was raised from the collection at Tesco, thanks to all those who helped.

Plans are progressing well with lots of volunteers coming forward. It is difficult to pin down exactly how many will be needed until we get a clearer picture of numbers.

2 dinners have been booked so far. 1 via mobile phone and 1 through Winton House.

The first two volunteers included one person who is an experienced Santa.

4. Carols on the Square Thursday 21/12/2023 7pm

The evening has been booked via EHDC.

It was decided that those who wanted could meet at Petersfield Methodist Church at 6:30 and process through Rams Walk singing carols.

Refreshments would be available in St Peters Church afterwards. Teas and Coffee will be available. Jenny Parkes and Naomi Gordon-Smith volunteered to help Madeleine from 6:30pm.

2 boxes of mince pies (12 pies altogether) should be provided from each church and be delivered to St Peter's on the Thursday morning.

5. AGM Wednesday 17th January 7.30pm at Petersfield Methodist Church.

Linked groups to provide feedback on their activities throughout the year.

6. Unity Service Sunday 21st January 3:00pm at St Laurence Church

A service with 7 sections has been suggested. Fr Peter had the idea of doing a section in each Church. It was decided this would be too complicated and we should stick to 1 venue.

A collection would be carried out during the service. *Fr Peter to decide to which charity it should be donated.*

7. Website Problems

We are experiencing a problem when sending communications to all members of the committee. A message comes up saying it has failed to deliver to 1 recipient. Unfortunately, it does not say who to! Christine has tried deleting and recreating the list. She also tried sending an email to each member individually - all worked. Christine will keep her eye on the problem but should you use the facility don't worry about the error message.

Christine was asked to update the Methodist Church page to show the new minister, David Muskett. Something went wrong and the page, although looked fine in update mode, but did not work when viewed. In desperation she deleted the page, copied the URC page and renamed it and redid all the links. The update worked fine on this page.

8. Christmas Cards

A poor response was received from the pupils of Petersfield School. The committee agreed on 1 of the designs. It shows Christmas trees and a lamppost. The light emanating from the lamppost needs to be made brighter. The printer should be able to do this.

£25 voucher will be given to the artist – Theo.

9. The next meeting will be the AGM on 17th January.