

2022 Lenten Project AGM & Charities Nomination Meeting

Sunday 27th November 2022 at 7.00pm

LENT DATES 2022: Ash Wednesday 22nd February – Easter Sunday 9th April 2023

1. Opening Prayer

Fr Ignatius opened the meeting with a prayer reflecting on the purpose of the Lenten Project.

2. Circulation of the Attendance List

There were 5 parishioners present as well as Fr Ignatius and Fr Joseph. It was agreed that, going forward, no formal circulation of the Attendance List was required as attendees were known. Going forward, any new attendee could provide their contact details to the Secretary.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Allan Cook, George Hoskins, Jonathan Lobb, Joe & Antoinette Sebastian.

4. Minutes of the 2021 Meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes were agreed by those present to be an accurate record and there were no Matters Arising that were not already Agenda items.

5. Update from Chair on 2022 Lenten Project

The Parish has been very generous again in supporting the Lenten Project which made a total of £14,852.88. Again, given Coronavirus and the fact that many planned events did not take place is truly amazing. Well done to everyone who took part. Previous year was £14,490.

This means that each charity will receive at least £3,720.

We still managed 12 separate events and activities.

- Joe & Antoinette did a Sri Lankan Night which made a fantastic £2704.
- Thank you to the Tolworth Trekkers led by Elspeth again did a challenging sponsored walk to support the Lenten Project and raised £1234.
- People did return boxes which amounted to over £2100 with Giftaid.
- The Southern Indian Night put on by the Syro Malabar Community made £3625.
- Noah's Ark pre-school raised £152.
- Tolworth Beavers and Cubs raised £51 – well done
- Individual donations amounted to £40
- The UCM raised £110. Thank you.

- OLI School did fantastically well and raised £564 – well done to staff and children.
- The Quiz Night did not happen due to too few tickets being sold but thank you to George and Heather for doing all the work to prepare for it. And, there's a donation of £35.
- The Table Top sale made £1068. Thank you again Elspeth and for the donations from the Jackson family.
- The collection for Maundy Thursday reached £327.
- Finally, we had a second African night which was incredibly well attended and raised a fantastic £1994. Thanks to Winnie for organising.

Thanks also to Jonathan for being Treasurer and Marie-Helene & Allan Cook for the display boards. Anyone I've missed – Thank you.

A Vote of Thanks was recorded to Phil for all his hard work as Chair of the Project.

6. Report from the Treasurer on 2022 Lenten Project

In Jonathan's absence, Phil circulated the breakdown of monies raised, which had previously been referred to in his Chair's Update.

6. Committee Posts and Work Sharing

Once again there were no prior notifications for the post of Chair and Phil Townsend agreed to carry on in this role (although given that he has been Chair for 12 years, Phil felt that he might stand down in the future – attendees hoped that this would not be for a few years) and was re-elected unanimously. Jonathan Lobb had given notice that he was standing down as Treasurer, as he had moved to another Parish. Elspeth Casey agreed to be put forward as Treasurer and was elected unanimously. Posters and boards advertising events will be prepared by Marie-Helene Cook. Please contact her if you are planning an event and especially if you are preparing your own posters as this prevents duplication. There will be a separate display board in the Narthex.

- Banners will be put up and later taken down by Phil Townsend
- Boxes will be distributed and collected at all Masses by:
 - 6.30 pm Phil Townsend and family
 - 9.00 am George Hoskins
 - 11.00 am Antoinette and Joe
 - 6.00 pm Tessa (to be asked by Angie Carrion).

7. 2022 Charity of Events

- Southern Indian Night (Syro Malabar Community) – Saturday 15th April 2023.
- Sri Lankan Night – usually before the start of Lent
- Elspeth Casey agreed to organise a sponsored walk

8. Charity Nominations

There were 5 Nominations and it was agreed to adopt the following charities :

- ✓ **Bastar Dharma Kshema Samiti, India**– Run by Carmelite nuns, the Society undertakes social work in North India, focussing on the tribal community. Support was requested for a small children’s park.
- ✓ **Mobile Manna Foundation, Nigeria** – help provided to the mentally ill and abandoned people, via holistic rehabilitation in order to enable the individuals to eventually reintegrate into family and society.
- ✓ **Vathiry Sacred Heart College, Sri Lanka** – supply facilities (including an evening meal) to educate children from very poor families (6pm to 9pm), whose parents are unable to give a proper education to their children.
- ✓ **Mary Queen of Heaven, Philippines** – rescue children and young women from prostitution and sex trafficking and provide education.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Lenten Project Terms of reference.
Allan Cook had undertaken some work on this, including some proposed revisions. It was decided to keep the Terms of Reference unchanged.
- It was agreed the next Lenten Project AGM would be mid-week, rather than on a Sunday.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A Meeting will be held in January 2023 to discuss events