

## San Fulgencio Committee Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

### Attendees:

Andrew Briant (AB), Jim Crossley (JC), Richard Dunstan-Meadows - Chair (RDM), David Foster (DF), Sue Foster - Sec (SF), Gill Gray (GG), Roger Harrison (RH), Peter Jackson (PJ), Bruce Petter (BP)

Apologies / Absent: Peter and Ginny Smith (PS,GS), Terry Baxter (TB)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	RDM opened the meeting with Prayer.		
2	<b><u>Previous minutes.</u></b> The minutes from the meeting of 11/02/2022 and the Extraordinary Meeting of 03/03/2022 were accepted unchanged. Prop BP, 2 <sup>nd</sup> PJ		
3	<b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b> <u>IT and website update.</u> DF reported that the website was up and running well. He still needs photographs of the Ministry Team to upload. RDM thanked DF for his work on this. DF reported that the Church laptop now seemed to be working properly and a replacement is not required at present. DF advised that San Fulgencio Town Hall have created an information app for residents and tourists and he had uploaded our church details to it. An application had also been made to Costa Blanca News to publish and advertisement in the paper.	MT	ASAP
4	<b><u>Outreach:</u></b> RDM had nothing new to report on this and asked if the Committee had anything to add. JC thought that the new SF app (ref above) could be a help. AB asked DF if he had followed up the idea for a local radio advertisement. DF advised that he needed a script for the advertisement. RDM was very aware of the amount of publicity other churches get in the press but noted that we needed something newsworthy in order to do this. AB was dubious as to whether the articles published, for example by Campoverde church or the Chaplaincy, resulted in any more people actually attending services. DF thought that our recent publicity activities such as press advertising, the local council app, the website and future radio advertising would all bring people to service as these would reach those actively searching for places to worship and that social events may not do this. AB thought that, rather than publicity, it was important that our information was available so that people would know where to find us when needed.		

5	<p><b><u>GDPR policies.</u></b></p> <p>RDM asked DF how many emails had been sent out with Consent Forms attached. DF replied that they were sent to all 107 on our mailing list. RDM advised that we had received 48 responses, equating to about 48%, so we need to chase up the others. The stated preferred method of communication in responses was email. RDM to send collated list of responders to DF to facilitate reminders being sent.</p>	RDM DF	ASAP ASAP
6	<p><b><u>Update on Ordination process for AB</u></b></p> <p>AB said it was a 'learning curve as to how the Bishop and the Diocese operate. He thanked everyone for their interest and prayers. The intended psychological interview at Synod had not taken place as the interviewer had been unable to come. He has subsequently had 2 psychological tests via Zoom and has been told provisionally that everything is OK for proceeding. He thought that it was likely that there would be other checks needed. AB had asked the Bishop if it was feasible he would be able to commence a study course in the autumn. The Bishop had said, 'Yes'.</p> <p>RDM commended AB for his patience and commented that it was part of the training in the way our church works. RDM asked AB to keep the Committee up to date on the process.</p>		
7	<p><b><u>Finance Report</u></b></p> <p>JC referred Committee members to the bank statement and accounts sent to them. He advised that the discrepancy of 1,008€ between the bank statement and the account statement amount was due to the previously agreed reserve of 1,000€ plus 8€ of loose change that couldn't be banked. JC pointed out that there was a sum of 554€ shown against Quota and asked for guidance as to when this should be paid, either after the 6 months at the end of June or later.</p> <p>RDM suggested that making payment at the end of the quarter would help smooth the income to the diocese. BP proposed that we do this. 2<sup>nd</sup> PJ. Unanimously carried.</p>		
8	<p><b><u>Charities</u></b></p> <p>RDM asked the Committee how much they considered we should set aside for Charitable Giving which is currently about 40% of our income. JC asked if we were considering paying charities 'early', payments are usually made in November or December?</p> <p>RDM advised that he had only received 2 suggestions of charities that should receive our donations, the Barnabas Fund and Afghanistan earthquake appeal.</p> <p>PJ reminded that CofE churches considered and decided which charities should be supported at their AGMs in November. BP thought that this</p>		

	<p>should be an question that is decided at the AGM. RDM asked how we should respond to urgent appeals during the year. BP thought that these should be supported by individual 'bucket' collections in church.</p> <p>DF suggested that we stipulate that one of the charities chosen to support at the AGM should be a 'general purpose' charity such as, The Red Cross, Children in Need, Christian Aid etc., who will respond to needs worldwide as they arise.</p> <p>RDM asked which particular charity should we support for the Afghanistan 'bucket' appeal.</p> <p>GG suggested that a global charity such as one supported by the UN, such as UNICEF or The Red Cross should be supported. It was decided, by unanimous vote that this should be The Red Cross.</p>		
9	<p><b><u>Church cooling (air conditioning and fans in the Chapel)</u></b></p> <p>AB advised that he had business cards from 2 specialist aircon companies and he would contact them for a survey and quote.</p>	AB	ASAP
10	<p><b><u>Zoom only services</u></b></p> <p>RDM had received a comment from one church member that they did not like Zoom only services, even though they are limited to two Wednesdays per month and fifth Sundays.</p> <p>DF thought that these services were important in that they allowed members of the Ministry Team and Congregation who were unable to attend Church physically, to continue to lead and contribute to Services. The Committee agreed that these services were important to us and should be continued.</p>		
11	<p><b><u>AGM date</u></b></p> <p>It had been proposed for a date in November</p> <p>SF reminded the Committee that she and DF would be away during November.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the AGM should be on Zoom only at 12:00noon on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November on Zoom only.</p>		
12	<p><b><u>Synod Report</u></b></p> <p>RDM had submitted the report to the Committee and asked if there were any comments.</p> <p>AB stated that he thought that he and RDM had made a good impression and contributed to the discussions during Synod, particularly regarding 'Stewardship' about which he had spoken about in a round-table discussion. He had been appointed as the National Delegate for Stewardship and member of the Church National Committee following this.</p>		

13	<p><b><u>Safeguarding</u></b></p> <p>RDM advised that Bishop Carlos had advised that, regarding Safeguarding, we (The Spanish Episcopal Church) were 'doing what was required in Spain' but it, 'doesn't tick all the boxes' on the document from the Anglican Council. RDM had said, following Synod, that he felt this should have been on the agenda and addressed.</p> <p>We will now wait to see what develops on this subject but we will need to have basic, specific Safeguarding protocols in place at some time in the future.</p>		
14	<p><b><u>The meeting closed with The Grace</u></b></p>		

### **Notes regarding actions taken following the meeting**

#### **Item 3 – Matters Arising**

An advertisement with a photograph was published in the Costa Blanca News. Unfortunately this was a 'one-off' as they do not have a regular block advertising page for charitable and public activities.

#### **Item 5 – GDPR policies**

RDM sent the list of those completing GDPR Consent Forms to DF.

Following analysis it transpires that a much lower percentage had responded than thought (48%) as many email addresses are for couples and some 'double counting' had occurred due to there being two Consent Forms. Follow up emails have been sent to those who have not replied with a new online form which does not require scanning or photographing. Several more forms have now been received. It has been decided that further pressure on this could prove detrimental to Church attendance.

#### **Item 9 – Church Cooling**

AB has met with an aircon company who have inspected the system and found that both units simply needed servicing, which they did at no cost. Both units worked following their visit, unfortunately one has since failed again but the other continues to function. Due to the holiday period and their urgent commitments it has not been possible to get the company back to look at the non-working system as yet.