

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th June 2014 AT 7.30PM
IN YSGOLD Y FACH

Chairman: Nicky Davies
Attendance: 6 people
Apologies: Irene Breakwell, Lynn White

Approval of the minutes from the last meetings

The minutes of the last meeting were read and it was agreed these were a true record of events.

Existing Matters:

Church Repairs

Grants - CADW have acknowledge receipt of our application and wish to be notified once we hear from HLF if we are to be awarded a grant.

Churchyard Wall - Rev Paul Wilding advised that we have to have an Archeologist watching brief when the work is being done and this could cost £285 per day. We have also been advised that any mortar used must be lime mortar but the plan was for drystone walling so the wording on our application may need to be modified. Paul has the matter in hand.

Fundraising -

Cookery demonstration - The feedback from the evening was very positive and thanks were given to everyone who made the evening such a success. Janet Watkins expressed her concern and embarrassment that the demonstrators had not been paid on the evening. The evening raised £529 once expenditure had been taken out.

Mugs & Tea Towels - Demo evening sold 7 special offers, 2 mugs and 3 tea towels. Subsequent sales have been made of 14 tea towels.

Open weekend - It was agreed that we would have a clean up day on the 12 July at 10am to get the church and pathways tidied up.

Gillian proposed two designs of poster for the event and the meeting agreed on the one to use.

It was agreed that various themes would be depicted around the church using display materials and some floral arrangements. The cost of floral arrangements to be kept to a minimum by using 'supermarket' flowers.

It was proposed that we would work on the following themes:

Porch - Life in the Bunkers

Behind the font - Childrens area, making poppies and crosses - Nicky to arrange

Corner nearest vestry - Food of the time

Middle window - Nursing on the front line

Pulpit - Ministry in the field

Choir stall - Village history - Janet Watkins display (Dave to make leveling blocks for top of pews)

Altar rail - Candle lighting - Antiques centre to be approached for the hire of a tin bath

Organ corner - Womens part in the war (factory workers / Land girls)

Window by the door - 'Lest we forget' grave stone memorial

Refreshments to be available in Ysgoldy Fach and will be tea, coffee, cake and biscuits, donations of cakes will be requested. Nicky to talk to Shelly Davies regarding price structures used by YFC. A rota will be required for manning the refreshments area.

It was confirmed that we have First Aid Kits in the church and Ysgoldy.

It was agreed that a tea party would be given at 3.30pm on the Saturday to thank Eileen Edwards for her efforts as a churchwarden and to celebrate her 85th birthday. It was agreed that we would ask for donation of cakes for the tea party. Pam Kilner will also look in the antiques centre for a possible gift.

Gillian Byrne will send out an email asking for cake donations for the weekend.

Gymanfa Ganu - Nicky reported that Maiwen, Teleri, Josie, Keiran Murphy and Len are ok for performing and she will speak with Dyfed regarding compere. It was suggested that Eileen Edwards, Dilys Jones and Glynis Watkins be asked to choose a hymn for the evening. Nicky will ask Lynne Jones and David Price to put together a programme for the evening and Gillian will then get this formatted and printed.

A raffle will be held on the evening and Paula Jones will be asked to organise this.

Further discussions will take place at a short meeting after the cleaning up day.

Ysgold y Fach - Thanks were given to Dave Howells for his efforts with decorating Ysgold y Fach.

Open Saturdays - So far open Saturday have not been going well and further advertising may be needed. It was also agreed that we would review timings etc for next year if we do it again. It was suggested that contact be made with Sharon Millar to get the open days published on the Upper Usk Valley website.

Treasurers report- The treasurer was not present so a current balance was not available. Gillian Byrne reported that the printing of 20 church information books had incurred a cost £52.

Other Business

The meeting was asked whether the church magazine could include service information for Saron Chapel. Gillian Byrne said she would email John Clifford to ask if he could contact Meredith Jones on this.

Dave Howells agreed to look further into the replica stocks to see if it was possible to have them for the open weekend

Date of next meeting - Saturday 12th July 2014 in Ysgold y Fach after the clean up day