



Society of Mary

North West Ward of Our Lady of Victories



Annual General Meeting

St Mary the Virgin, Thornton in Craven, BD23 3TS

Saturday 14th July 2017

1.00pm

Minutes

The Ward Superior took the chair.

1. Prayer

The meeting began with prayer.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

Without dissent, these minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

3. Matters Arising therefrom

There were no matters arising not covered in the agenda.

4. Annual Report and Accounts.

Sadly the Treasurer was, due to unforeseen circumstances, unable to be present. As well as incorporating the Accounts for 2017 as an Appendix in these Minutes, the Secretary undertook to circulate the document as soon as possible, using the Ward website and email distribution to members.

The meeting gave its assent to these proposals. Further discussion was taken under a following Agenda item.

5. Election of Officers

Only two nominations for officers had been received:

David Martlew (Hon. Secretary)

Gwynne James (Hon. Treasurer)

No ballot was necessary and they were therefore without dissent declared duly elected.

6. Election of up to eight Committee Members

Ron Cowle had retired from the Committee; our thanks and appreciation for all his contributions to the work of the Ward during his time on the Committee were recorded.

The following five nominations for ordinary members of the committee had been received by the due date:

Peter Ashley-Mudie

Paul Christodoulou

Stephen Hogg

Fr Alex Ladds

Fr Alec Parkinson

Because the number of nominees was fewer than the number of ordinary committee members allowed by the constitution, no ballot was necessary and these six people were declared, without dissent, duly elected.

The meeting was reminded that, under the Constitution, the Ward Superior and the Diocesan Chaplains were not elected by the AGM. They are:

Fr David Sutton (Ward Superior)

Fr Daniel Howard (Liverpool Diocese)

Fr Roger Parker (Blackburn Diocese)

Fr Robert Nelson (Chester Diocese)

It was hoped that a Chaplain for the Manchester Diocese would be appointed in the near future.

7. Future of the North West Ward

Membership: it was noted that in the light of the new Data Protection legislation there was a need to revise our methods of holding personal and financial information. Currently we have 285 entries in an email distribution list, and about 280 entries in our membership list (but not all of these members have provided email addresses). Communication by posting printed material is very costly, and our preferred method is via email; we send out eNewsletters each month and ask recipients to pass on the information to friends and fellow members who are not email users.

Attendance: many parishes organise Marian Services in May and October, so the potential clash with those arranged by the Ward have reduced attendances. For future years, the Committee feels that we should focus on Ward events three times a year - Lent Devotion, Assumption, and Immaculate Conception. In addition we should support the Joint Pilgrimage to Ladyewell, and the Annual Pilgrimage to the Holy Well at Thornton in Craven. We would like to help publicise Marian festivals and Patronal festivals organised by parishes in the North West, so asked members and friends to send information to the Secretary.

The Committee has been exploring ways in which the Ward could reach out to non-members and attract them into involvement in our various events. This was seen as a way of meeting pastoral needs for folk whose local church was not fully meeting their spiritual needs. The importance of the facilities offered by the internet in pursuing this objective were noted.

8. Any Other Business

Thanks were expressed to Fr Nicholas Turner and to all at St Mary the Virgin, Thornton in Craven, for their kindness in hosting this meeting and for their hospitality.

9. Closure

The date of the next Annual General Meeting would be announced in due course.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

The Society of Mary North West Ward of Our Lady of Victories
Receipts and payments account 2017

RECEIPTS	2017	2016	2015
Subscriptions and donations	£1140.00	£1225.00	£1750.00
Badges and medals	-	-	-
Collections	-	£106.68	£370.00
Brought forward 1 st January 2017	£1312.53	£1866.65	£1971.05
TOTAL	£2452.53	£3198.33	£4091.05

PAYMENTS	2017	2016	2015
Subscriptions to HQ	£735	£1035.00	£1305.00
Church expenses	-	£200.00	£450.00
Printing and postage	£30	-	£333.60
Organist	£70	£50	£35
Web site costs at £8.40 per month	£100.80	£100.80	£100.80
Medals and badges	-	-	-
Walsingham day	-	£500.00	
TOTAL	£935.80	£1885.80	£2224.40
Carried forward 1 st January 2018	£1516.73	£1312.53	£1866.65

Gwynne James, Ward Treasurer
20 January 2018