



**Catholic Association Hospitalité of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
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**AGM Minutes**  
**Farm Street**  
**February 2020**

<p><b>Present:</b> Anne Hoskins, Lina Al-Araj, Richard Hargreaves, Jonathan Roche, Cliona Devereux, Liz Bellamy, Mark Fernandes, Mark Smith, Mary Wynne-Jones, Marianne Cook, Steve Gill, Joanna Roche, Michael Roche, Nick King, Christopher Page, Steve Drake, Katie Phipps, Sadie Vile, Ann Barry, Diane Camenzuli, Margaret Fielding, Brendan Roche, John Wynne Jones</p>	
<p><b>President's Welcome:</b>          AH welcomed everyone to the meeting. Thanks too to Steve Gill for stepping in to do the accounts, to LAA and RH for all the planning that has been going on for the forthcoming pilgrimage, thank you to Chris Page for his work moving the pilgrimage forward.</p>	
<p><b>Opening Prayer (AH)</b></p>	
<p><b>Apologies</b>          Molly Ingleton, Shelly Murray Foreman, Sarah Sparrow, Tina Walker, Syliva Walker, Colette Sharrock, Stella Good, Ella Corcoran, Theresa Mahon.</p>	
<p><b>Minutes of previous AGM were accepted.</b></p>	
<p><b>Forthcoming Elections:</b>          Two vacancies, three nominations. JWW explained how the election will be conducted and how the terms will run in order that we don't have two terms of office coming to an end at once.          AH to forward the nominations to LAA.          LAA explained that election will take place via email.</p>	<p>Elections to take place electronically.</p>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report (SG)</b>          Accounts have been submitted to accountants.          An updated gift aid form has been created. All those wishing to donate and want Gift Aid to be claimed should use this new form.          A statement regarding the status of each of the constituent funds of the Hospitalité account will be issued in due course.          The payment of support grants to helpers and APs will be streamlined this year – once a grant has been approved payment will be made by Hospitalité direct to TT</p>	
<p><b>Update from the Trustees (SG)</b>          3 new trustees have been installed: Rosie o'Connor, Anna Jackson, and Chris Page.          Travel costs will be 5% less than last year dependent on the CA getting between 50 and 70 more pilgrims. (reduction in costs based on filling the plane!). Flights to be from Stansted and Birmingham.          Youth cost £520 +insurance          Acceuil cost £770          Trustees looking to put some initiatives in to get costs even lower and encourage new people to come.</p>	

<p><b>CP updates on initiatives to increase pilgrim numbers.</b>  Short term solution is better communication and better pricing. CA trustees have agreed to spend some funds to this end, with money being spent on a PR firm. This firm will produce material to complement more traditional work in parishes, schools etc. to spread word about the pilgrimage. Need for this to get this done ASAP to reach the schools.  Paper has been produced to talk to other dioceses and pilgrimages. CA trustees have agreed to fund research into other pilgrimages and see where everyone is succeeding and failing. This has support of Cardinal and is being presented to English and Welsh diocesan directors by the Westminster diocesan director.</p>	<p>Create a list of people able to go and talk at parishes and schools and circulate resources</p>
<p><b>Review of 2019 pilgrimage (RH)</b>  New website launched this time last year and was well received. The online application worked extremely well with the overwhelming majority of applications going this way.  Fewer complications than in previous year: enough volunteers in hotels. Accueil had very few people staying in it.  Need more experienced volunteers going on flights and people volunteering to stay until all APs have left.  Positive feedback from APs.</p>	
<p><b>Theme for 2020</b>  NK spoke on the 2020 spiritual theme of 'Je suis l'immaculate conception' making several key points: 1) Through Mary to Jesus; 2) Immaculate conception is not the same as Virgin birth; 3) England as Mary's dowry and 4) The link to Bernadette;</p>	
<p><b>2020 pilgrimage LAA and RH</b>  Prep days have been arranged and dates and locations announced. The southern prep day is on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> July at Farm Street and the Northern prep day is at Stonyhurst on 26<sup>th</sup> April.  Applications are about to go online.  A new helpers handbook has been drafted.  This will be RH's last year and he will be succeeded by Brendan Roche.</p>	
<p>Thanks are given to RH for his years of service as chief brancardier</p>	
<p><b>Youth update JWJ</b>  The youth rep has been made an official position on the Hospitalite Council and there will be an election during Lourdes this year to elect John's successor. All youth on the pilgrimage will be eligible to vote. There will be a youth reunion in Cambridge in a few weeks.  There is a desperate need for more youth. JWJ urges all to spread the work and go into schools, universities etc.   Thanks give to John for his hard work over years.   Sadie announced that Sarah Sparrow will take over the youth group next year, supported by Andy Joyce.</p>	
<p><b>Safeguarding (CD)</b>  A lot of work has been done to update the CA's safeguarding policies, training, and practices. Online training has been embraced and will continue.  In last 12 months DBS procedure has been updated. Before the CA had its own account, but now it has an umbrella agreement with the CSAS so DBS forms go through them.  People resident abroad attending the pilgrimage need an equivalent to DBS from their home nation.  Still need to develop ideas on how to tell difference between under and over 18s etc.  Need for a DBS stand on the prep day carousel.</p>	

<b>HNDL</b> Mark Fernandes recently become a member of the HNDL council and is open to all questions and queries. There is a general push to get more stagieres.	
<b>AGM Next year</b> 6 February 11am Farm Street.	
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