

St Joseph's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday 8th April 2021

I. Call to order

Ken Eades Meeting Opened at 7.03p.m and Kiko lead us in prayer.

II. Roll call

Apologies from Gus, Fr Kevin, Fr Biju, Mike and Cherylynn

Present:

Ben, Mary, Remy, Tina, Kristina, Ken, Father Maleko, Angelique, Kiko and Dana.

III. Synod Priorities Mary-Ann Greaney

Who are they? Homeless, Unemployed, Poor, Frail, Minorities, Refugees, Non-Practising Catholics, Teen Mothers, People with convictions or criminal records, Elderly, Frail, Mental Illness and Addictions, Intellectually and Physically Disabled etc

Our Parish has Legion of Mary, EJP, St Vincent's, Upper Hutt Housing Trust was started by people in our Parish, Communion to the Sick, Titiro Whakamua, Greenstone Doors, Volunteer drivers for cancer patients, prison visitation, social network support for released prisoners and refugees. Catholic Women's League, Beneficiary Education, Support, Trust.

Our PPC is very diverse and is one of the few that represents that people in the pews.

Social teaching for the church comes from Caritas International, our parish were one of the first to set up a benefit advocacy group.

We are already doing a lot of the directions, recommendations, and priorities, however there are still gaps that need to be addressed.

Advertising after mass to the parishioners about what we as our parish does, encourage people to participate in these groups. Getting people engaged.

Young Saint Vinnies in the School-Investigation into what this is and could/would the school be able or willing to participate.

Every second meeting we should go through ONE of the directions and priorities and break it down and brainstorm it like we did tonight.

IV. New Business

New PPC Member: Mike Williams will be joining the PPC as the representative for the finance committee.

Sacraments of Initiation-Ben: 8 people who have deemed suitable to run the course, the program starts after school holidays, have caught the people who missed out due to COVID last year. All children, from the school and some from other schools. Running term two

Youth Update-Dana: Nothing to update, however; Dana's planning-currently involved in the training and rostering of Alter Services (approx. 15 to 30) this year. In that process, Dana has been engaging with the kids to gauge their understanding of the mass and their faith. There is a lack of understanding of the mass and their faith. Dana is currently attempting to write a manual for these servers to explain the Mass and their faith, as this is not being taught at home.

Greenstone Doors-Kristina: Greenstone Doors has invited us to hold one of our monthly meetings at the Channel Family Centre so we can see what they do, and this would be a good way to address one of the Synod directions and peripheries. June meeting to be held there

Tongan Community: Sunday school is going well, try to engage the youth. Holding a career/pathways day on 30th April 2021 (Policeman and Lawyer coming to speak). Still doing the hospitality after Sunday Mass.

Filipino Community Pat: Last Sunday was a big day for the Filipino community in Wellington, when we celebrated the two great events – the Resurrection of Our Lord and the 500th year jubilee of Christianity in the Philippines. There was a huge crowd in attendance, possibly around 300

or more. The Holy Mass was presided by Cardinal John. The Nuncio, Archb Novatus and some priests from the archdiocese co-celebrated.

Before the start of the Mass, there was a mini-play depicting the coming of the Spanish officials and missionaries in March 1521 on a boat to colonise and evangelise the natives. After the Mass, the boat left depicting the migration of Filipino nurses, engineers, teachers, and others to other countries, not only to work but at the same time to share our faith.

During the Spanish times, many missionary priests came to the Philippines to evangelise and baptise. Now, it is the Philippines who are sending missionary priests and lay persons to other countries to likewise spread the Good News.

Samoan Community Selestina- This year has been a slow start for the Samoan community due to COVID, a few members of the youth have moved to other parts of NZ or back home. They, as a community trying to build up their Numbers.

Indian community Remy: They meet at St Andrew's in Newlands for Indian Mass. Fr Biju is their chaplain. Their culture needs are being met

St Joseph's Day: Thank you everyone for helping on St Joseph's Day. Particularly Angelique and Dana.

Banners: Translations needed for Banners

Culture Masses: Angelique has been speaking to cold Catholics, we stopped going because we felt put out by some the masses said in other languages. If we are going progress with culture masses, then we should have translations.

Saint of the Week-Complaint has been received about Saint of the Week.

Marie's email was read out to us. The complaint was sent to Ken, Fr Maleko and cardinal John. Marie's father was in the war and Ken said things had been stirred up (i would ask Ken to have a look at that email to get a good understanding) Marie had complained about the saint of the week and she wanted an apology. Ken had sent an apology letter back to Marie and in the last comments writing to her "this won't happen

again" Mary was upset for the fact that they did not make her aware of this before bringing it to our attention as she was the one who had put the effort of putting it together. Ken said he was not aware that she was the one putting it in the bulletin. Fr Maleko received an email from cardinal John dew. Saying He felt it was inappropriate and scary for some of the readers and we have to look at it again. It was a concern and we need to bring it in to more modern times or avoid using the language of be-heading etc of some saints. We need to have more modern saints maybe not those that were martyred.

Other topics discussed:

Ben bring us the bishop of Hamilton had aloud all restrictions during mass to be lifted eg. Holy water, sign of peace. Fr Maleko will bring this up at the council of priests.

Someone from over in Featherston had wrote to Fr Maleko and said what a wonderful parish this is, and people are very welcoming, and he is able to use the adoration chapel and the rest was about Fr himself.

Finance committee had granted the PPC a budget of \$3,000 for this financial year this is to look after the pastoral needs of the parish for this coming year.

Adjournment

Ken adjourned the meeting at and Kiko lead the closing prayer.

Minutes submitted by: Kristina Lambert-Vickers