

St Josephs PPC meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July  
Prayer Teresa Homan  
Facilitator Hugh Steel  
Minutes Teresa Homan

Present Pat, Salandanan Hugh Steel Cushla Lippitt Matthew Morrison, Father Maleko

Apologies Tina Afoa

Minutes read and approved

**Pentecost Sunday Mass** with children from school not so well attended as at Queens Birthday weekend. Thanks to school for taking part in this.

**Father Michael's birthday** it was decided to organize a card to be signed by parishioners and taken to him on his birthday, Matthew will buy the card and Pat will advertise in newsletter.

**Youth activities** the youth group has booked tickets to go to youth gathering in Auckland on 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. The group is about 17 youth strong. They were also looking at going to the life teen camp.

Discussion was had regarding connections being made between the youth and older members of the Parish.

Fund raising with a bingo afternoon and lunch organized by youth would serve dual purpose of youth putting on an activity for older parishioners and raising funds at the same time, October was suggested as a possible time to run this.

Youth keen to do a sign for the front notice board and have some ideas for this possibly a Christmas one.

Matthew reported that the youth sometimes felt that other parishioners thought they only attended Church because their parents made them but this was not right. They also felt that they were not invited to take part in ministries and would like to be asked.

Matthew had been talking to the youth organizer from St Michael's and looking to some shared activities.

Matthew asked if it would be ok to bring a youth member to the PPC meeting and it was agreed that this would be welcomed.

**Altar Servers** at present this was being organized by Carol need someone new to take responsibility for this. Suggested that perhaps one of the youth older altar server may want to take this ministry on. Discussion was had about matching up some people who attended Mass with altar servers that may want to serve but didn't have someone to bring them to Mass so they could be picked up and taken home.

**Ministry training** for Eucharist ministers and readers will take place when new candidates for this ministry are identified it would be good for some of the youth to take part in this.

**Church Cleaning** Bill Kirkup offered to clean the carpet Hugh was going to talk to him about doing this Teresa said that they had a carpet cleaner that he could borrow.

**School parish partnership** Hugh reported that at school Synod meeting Peter Ahern indicated that there was a need for financial help for some of the children and Hugh suggested that it might be possible to set up a sponsorship type programme like child sponsorship. Cushla was to discuss with Peter. The child receiving help would be anonymous.

**Membership of PPC** Father Maleko said he was happy with members on PPC to remain on the council, it was also agreed that it was good that the new members being invited from specific communities help to ensure different groups within the Parish were being represented. After some discussion it was thought it would be good to wait and see what came out of the Synod, which would give us some direction, and some new members may emerge from Synod reps.

**Meditation prayer** Teresa suggested we offer meditation prayer in the church during lunch time in the Church and advertise to the wider community. She would look into this.

Meeting finished at 9pm.

Next meeting August 29<sup>th</sup>

Prayer in Church @ 7:15 lead by Pat Salandanan

Facilitator of meeting Peter Dawson

Minutes Hugh Steel