

St Joseph's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday 3rd June 2021

Meeting opened at 7.02 pm and was held at Greenstone doors.

PRESENT: Ken, Kristina, Father Maleko, Ben, Pat, Father Biju, Gina and Heather from St Joseph's School, Jenny and Wendy from Greenstone Doors, Dana, Angelique, and Remy.

Apologies: Father Kevin, Gus, Cherylynn, Tina and Mary

Ken red letter from Cardinal Dew about our parish continuing our association with Greenstone Doors.

Ben led us in prayer

Meeting minutes from May-Not everyone had received them or read them. To be passed at next meeting.

Action: Kristina to re send them to everyone and will be passed at next month's meeting.

Greenstone Doors:

Wendy took the PPC on a tour of the Greenstone Doors facility. Came to the Chanel centre in Feb last, spent the first few months painting and redecorating. No government funding. Lotto grants and donations that keep them afloat. In the last 12 months, were open for 3 weeks then COVID-19 hit. 442 baby packs given to Upper Hutt, 88 equipment's. 211 hours in counselling, 9 pregnancy tests. Wendy worked the 0800 phone line for pregnancy. She wanted to do more to encourage pregnant women to choose life. Christian based training and reflection. Been around for 7 years. Prayed a Novena for this space and it finished on the feast of St Peter Chanel. More than just baby clothes, wrap around service. Café opening soon. Men coming in to run Fathering programs. Volunteer based and student counsellors and social workers working here. Greenstone Doors do a lot of work for our community. UHCC are very supportive of Greenstone doors. Greenstone Aunties- Mature women go into homes where there are newborns who need mentoring. Greenstone doors are open from 9.30 to 4 Monday to Friday. Would like to be more visible in the Parish, Pray for them.

April Minutes: Ken and Dana passed April Minutes.

Synod Priorities and Directives- Suggestion from last meeting the instead of discussing these at our meetings, to have a parish wide meeting on a Sunday afternoon, couple of hours every fortnight. There 13 priorities and directives and it is important that the whole parish has input on there.

Action: Mary-Ann, Ken, and Father Maleko to discuss and decide on a start date and will be advertised in the bulletin.

Parish Mission: Father John O'Connor events on the year of St Joseph. Ben is volunteering to stand up and talk at masses about this event. Saturday evening end with vigil mass, PPC members encouraged to attend.

Action: Kristina to send flyer out to PPC members for members to send out.

Parish Safeguarding meeting: All PPC members need to be police vetted. This is non-negotiable and is now a requirement for being a member of the PPC

Action: All members to collect police vetting forms from Barbara, fill them and return them.

Tongan Community Update- Have held workshops talking to the community about different issues, (Discipline, alcohol, and drugs) speaking at the youth. Good success, positive change. Workshops being made known to Kaitiaki.

Indian Community: Masses, our Indian community has been affected by the devastating COVID-19 outbreak in India, please keep them in your prayers. The Indian community is still led by our wonderful Father Biju.

Action: Nil

Filipino Community: Mayflower offering for the Blessed Mother.

Action: Nil

Youth: Dana has met up with some other youth leaders, to look at getting a combined youth group together. Going to Organise a taster/getting to know each other night to gauge interest between the 3 parishes in around Upper Hutt. Above 11 for ages. Involvement from other cultural groups, fellowship to start with.

Action: Dana will keep the PPC updated of this.

School: New classroom buildings blessed, working on connection with St Brendon's. Catholic Schools day in September. School needs permanent space in the church foyer.

Action: Father Maleko to follow up with Andrew about space for the school in the foyer.

Pantry: So EJP and School working together to build a pantry. A design has been done by the students and is awaiting final sign off from Judy at EJP.

Action: Dana to contact Judy about when the fridge will be removed, and to touch base with Andrew re the design.

Communion to the sick workshop: Ken will attend this, held at St Joseph's in Mount Vic, 17th July, any members who want to attend are welcome to.

Action: Nil

Collection for Greenstone Doors: After Mass, collection of money, baby food, formula and clothing and feminine products, 11th July 2021,

Action: Kristina to ask Barbara to put it into the bulletin and ask Greenstone Doors for signages/poster for foyer.

Finance Meeting: Ken and Angelique attended the finance committee, discussion around the presbytery. The Presbytery is in dire need of repair, or total rebuild. Committee is appointed. Issue raised of what could the PPC do is around funding. PPC need to focus on the parishioners in a social way but we need to pull people into the parish.

Leaking Toilets/Mouldy hallway- Mike believes the stains in the hallway are water stains, not mould. Finance committee would rather spend money on the foyer. Toilet cistern to be changed to stop leak.

Fencing around the graves: Dana floated the idea of having fencing around the grave site at the back of the church as people walking and parking cars on the graves. This was noted as a finance committee issue not a PPC issue.

Action: Mike to bring to the attention of the finance committee

Potholes by the Presbytery -can these be filled?

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Meeting Ended 8.41p.m

Closing prayer by Ben.