

St Joseph's Parish Council Meeting Minutes Thursday 6th May 2021

I. Call to order

Ken opened the meeting at 1903 and Dana led us in prayer

II. Roll call

Present : Fr Maleko, Ken, Mary, Dana, Remy, Angelique, Ben, Cherylynn, Gus, Mike, Heather (DRS) and Andrew Herrick (school reps)

Apologies: Fr Biju, Fr Kevin, Kristina, Kiko, Pat, Tina

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Not approved. Ken required all of the groups to be documented in the minutes (which we had brainstormed about as those needing assistance). The word 'etc' meant some of the groups were left out. Mary- Ann Greaney therefore did not attend the meeting to further discuss synod priorities and direction.

IV

a) GUEST SPEAKERS

Mary brought up the matter of guest speakers being invited to our meetings on such a frequent basis. They usually spoke for about 45 minutes. This left just over an hour for the PPC to discuss its own agenda and invariably we ran late or out of time. Some members needed to leave at 9pm and missed out on discussions if we ran late. Remy said the PPC does not seem to be achieving anything. General agreement with this. Angelique mentioned for example, that there was still no action or decision on the green fridge and the door stickers despite having been discussed many times. Cherylynn asked what the purpose was of having the guest speakers. Ken replied that they have all been necessary. Father Maleko had asked that Mary-Ann attend all of our meetings going forward until all of the 13 synod priorities had been discussed. Cherylynn suggested that it is probably more appropriate that this is presented to the whole parish rather than just the PPC. She thought a Sunday afternoon would be suitable for this and maybe all of the discussion around the priorities could be taken care of in one or two sessions.

ACTION - i) most members supported the view that guest speakers should not be at every PPC meeting

ii) Ken and Fr Maleko to arrange a Sunday afternoon meeting for Mary-Ann to present the Synod priorities and direction to the parish as a whole

b)CHURCH MAINTENANCE

i)Mary spoke about some areas of church maintenance requiring attention.

The area between the sacristy and the flower room is dank and smells musty. Mould is on some of the walls. A thorough cleanup of this area is necessary and probably anti mould paint, as all the leaks have been repaired

ACTION - Mike to arrange cleaning of this area. Ken suggested a working bee?

ii) She asked if the church property has a water meter.

The church toilets are constantly running and this is particularly noticeable if one is praying in the Adoration Chapel. Mary asked if new church toilets could be purchased and the bathrooms renovated.

There is a longstanding leak outside the north face of the church with water even running over the footpath. If we have a water meter, a lot of church money is going down the drain.

ACTION - Mike to find out if the church property has a water meter. He will not replace the toilets but will replace the cisterns.

He will arrange a plumber to fix the exterior leak

iii) Vandalised adoration chapel door not repaired. Lock is fixed but not the section of the door above the lock.

ACTION - nil

c and d omitted

e) PARISH MISSION

This will be held July 1st-3rd inclusive in our parish church. Fr John O'Connor, a diocesan priest from Christchurch has been invited to run it.

Ken has been appointed by Fr Maleko to be the liaison person between Fr John and our parish. Ken stated the importance of having a large turnout to this Mission. He asked all the PPC cultural representatives to encourage attendance from their communities. Flyers will be distributed and people will speak at Masses about it. There will be 6 sessions in the Mission and each is a stand alone session. There are morning and evening sessions and the mission concludes with the Vigil Mass on July 3rd. Fr John's fee is \$1,500.00. Fr Maleko will ask attendees for a small koha to help cover costs.

ACTION i) Ken to ask Fr John if he requires music/suppers etc and to let Cherylynn know

ii) Cherylynn to ask David to set up a powerpoint and gathering ministers to mention it at Masses

iii) Fr Maleko to ask Barbara to notify all parishes in the archdiocese about the Mission and send them the flyers

iv) the school will announce it in their notices and on their facebook page

v) Cherylynn to arrange a notice on our parish web page

f) SACRAMENT OF INITIATION

Ben reported that there are 30 children enrolled. No further children can now join as the course is well underway

g) SCHOOL UPDATE

Current roll is 525 and now closed. There are six intermediate classes - 160 students in total. There are many on the waiting list.

Pressure to find Catholic teachers. Two DRS's are employed at the school. New buildings are to open in two weeks time.

One renovated building came from Chanel college. Landscaping has been arranged. The school now has a first aid room.

Further building developments are being planned. The school houses have been renamed to reflect the Mercy sisters order.

On Pentecost Sunday 1030 Mass, the school will be attending dressed in red and orange. Fr Maleko said he is very pleased to note that the Catholic character in the school seems to be increasing. The children are more reverent at Mass.

GABRIEL'S PANTRY

Ken said he would like to see this moved closer to the school grounds so that children can place items into it. The school has cans of food which need to be disposed of as they are soon nearing the best before date. Ken said cans of food are not appropriate for being put in the green fridge as they get thrown down the street. The cans are very good for needy families however and despite the school informing the St Vincent de Paul about this, they have never been collected.

ACTION - Cherylynn to let Mike Driscoll know.

Remy said the pantry needs to be in a discreet place as some people are reluctant to be seen taking food from it and some are reluctant to be seen donating food.

The green ex fridge is not suitable as it has a closed door, no ventilation, food spoils quickly in it.

ACTION - School has offered to build a wooden structure similar to the Awaken church's one. Mary suggested Mitre 10 may donate the wood.

What to do about the green fridge?

ACTION - Dana and Ken to discuss with EJP about removing the green fridge

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Gus was shocked to see non Catholics going up and being given Holy Communion recently. Other PPC members expressed their dismay about this also. It was acknowledged that the Priest may not know the person is a non Catholic but it was mentioned that the person's demeanor is often a giveaway.

ACTION - Fr Maleko will discuss with the priests in our Parish how to communicate our parish practice of giving Holy Communion to Catholics and blessings to non -Catholics.

2. Remy asked if an announcement before Mass could be made requesting people turn their cell phones off. They do this at St Mary of the Angels and it works well.

ACTION - nil

3. Gus mentioned that it may be a good idea if we have some security people wearing sashes (nominated parishioners) who would stand at the rear of the church during Mass to deal with any confrontations that may arise. He saw this recently when he was in Auckland.

ACTION - nil

4. Mike handed around a 'profit and loss' document for us to peruse before it is distributed to all parishioners next weekend.

They are pushing for AP donations

5. Mike asked for two members of the PPC to join Finance committee members and make up a building subcommittee.

Angelique and Ken offered to join the committee

6. Next PPC meeting will be held at Greenstone Doors. 7pm on Thursday 3rd June

Dana led the closing prayer and meeting adjourned at 2040

Minutes submitted by Mary Meo