

# **St Josephs Upper Hutt Parish Pastoral Council**

Minutes of Meeting held in the parish meeting room, Wednesday, Sept 28, 2016

Present: Fr Maleko, Peter Dawson, Hugh Steel, Teresa Homan, and Ruth Jones (St Josephs School)

Apologies: Pat Salandanan, Joseph Moorman, Harris Joseph. Peter Briesmann

Minutes: Agreed with some slight changes, consulted.

Matters arising:

**Review of Mass Times** - This was discussed, with a proposed form from Hugh. The request and intention was covered, with note taken of Our Lady of the Valleys changes in mass times. Will reword and bring back to next meeting, we want to make sure people are aware we currently have no desire to change, but feel consultation is good for future planning.

**Social Justice Weekend** - This went well, with a fantastic waka (Stewart, Benita, Faapoi the artists) legion of Mary did have their event, but will endeavor to not have the clash of dates again. The waka can be used for bringing in The Word.

**Upper Hutt City 50th celebration** - has had no one contact her as yet, but is working on getting a choir together, and in contact with some other groups. This is end of October, October 29th. Teresa will put a bullet point of things parishioners could contribute towards remembrance.

**The Upper Hutt Housing Trust** - has been formed, a JPD initiative, next step looking to find some emergency accommodation. This is only a first step.

**Stewardship Sunday** Lorraine coming October the 9<sup>th</sup>. Discernment of the Gifts. Teresa to put a paragraph together. Hugh will cover Vigil mass, Peter 9am, Teresa 10:30am. This is a gathering for all parishioners.

**Living wage**. Peter has asked Mike Fitzgerald to investigate whether we are paying a Living Wage in the parish. Teresa talked about the philosophy we are asked to have as a church, with potentially many members of the parish affected directly or in-directly.

**Children's Mass** - the last one in September caught us out, participation not as good, hoping to work with Elsie towards greater participation in the next mass. Ruth contributed many idea's to having the kids involved. E.g. Procession at the start of mass, interactive drama.

**First Communion mass** – noted the great interaction during the gospel – very good.

**Welcome Packs and Joe** – no update regards this.

**Charitable Trust** – all parishes are now registered as CT's, issues arising from this, currently being addressed by Mike Fitzgerald for year ending March 2016, PPC will need to consider outputs for the year ending March 2017, this will require some assistance – to be explored. Mike will be invited to the next meeting to discuss this.

**Spring Festival** - Parishioner asked the PPC why nobody could put up trestles on the footpath. This affected the numbers coming into the church and supporting the Devonshire tea's. The Finance Committee had declined the Bouncy Castle the front lawn, and groups outside the parish were also not permitted due to complaints from parishioners that there were inappropriate activities in previous years. Parishioners are welcome to set up stalls.

**Links Between Board and Parish** - Minutes sent out to Board meeting so they are aware of what is happening. We ask Tracey at St Joes to action this.

**Maori Carvings in the church** - Update – in process with Catholic Chaplain at the prison, processing this.

**Meeting closed** at 9:05pm with a blessing by Fr Maleko.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15pm in the church.

(Reflection: Peter B, Chair: Hugh S, Minutes: Peter D,)

Minutes confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_