

St Josephs Upper Hutt Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the parish meeting room, at 7:35pm on Tuesday, 25th October, 2016.

Present: Fr Maleko, Hugh Steel, Teresa Homan, Peter Briesman, Pat Salandanan, Peter Dawson, Ruth Jones (School Board).

Apologies: Joseph Moorman.

Minutes: Agreed,

Matters arising:

Mass Times: Seems to be no requirement at this time for any change. *Action: Peter D* to write to the Council of priests.

Little City Big Bash: Teresa reported on activities and preparation for the celebratory day for the UHCC 50th anniversary. Devonshire teas, a video of historical information, etc.

Living Wage: The Council would like to recommend to the Finance Committee that we ensure we as a Parish are paying a living wage to our employees.

Children's Mass: Has been held again, successfully. Getting children to commit beforehand seems difficult, but there are plenty willing to participate.

Charitable Trust Status: We omitted to invite Mike Fitzgerald to the meeting. It was decided to approach him separately after mass on Sunday.

School Board: Minutes were promulgated successfully to the board. The school fete seemed to go well.

Maori Carving: Hugh has endeavoured to follow up by email, and is awaiting a response. Ruth outlined the school's current thinking around this issue in terms of placing carvings on the school hall where they may be seen by passers by. Hugh will expand his explorations to include these ideas.

Other Business:

Stewardship: Hush expressed some uncertainty as to how we move forward after Lorraine's visit. Teresa observed that we shouldn't expect an explosion of "stewardship", but rather an increasing awareness of the opportunities for stewardship. She also shared some opportunities that have already appeared as a result of what we have so far done. Teresa also shared the letter she received from Lorraine after the event last week.

It was suggested that the periodic "Surreptitious Stewardship" items in the bulletin could be used to highlight needs we are aware of.

Small Groups: There was some mention of small groups at the Stewardship Day, and it was suggested that we could encourage the formation of such groups within the parish, or within the various ethnic groups in the parish. We'll include the school in the planning, as advised by Ruth.

Year of Mercy: Some ideas were floated around extending Mercy past the formal end of the Year of Mercy, such as offering cash top-ups for people under financial stress (such as being fined for not having a WoF that they can't afford to get). Also running a Porridge Breakfast on the feast of Christ the King (Nov 20th) to raise funds for the relief of financial stress, the school to be advised.

Council Membership: Hugh expressed a desire to attempt to get some more members on the council. It was felt that we should use a combination of shoulder tapping and advertising to encourage 'volunteers'. There was a short discussion about the advisability of having a January meeting next year. Peter B suggested that PPC members should wear name tags identifying themselves as PPC members at the Love Offering (Porridge) breakfast.

Meeting closed at 9:05pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday November 29th, 2016, 7:15pm in the church.
(Reflection: Pat Salandanan, Chair: Teresa, Minutes: Hugh)

Minutes confirmed: _____
(PPC Chair –Peter Dawson)