

St Joseph's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday 3rd December 2020

I. Call to order

Ken Eades called to order our meeting at approx. 7.06 p.m

Gus lead us in opening prayers

II. Roll call

Apologies from Remy, Pat and Tina

Present:

Ben, Ken, Kristina, Mary, Dana, Fr Kevin, Fr Biju, Fr Maleko, Gus, Kiko, Cherylynn and Angelique

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes.

Approval of our last meetings minutes was submitted by Kristina.

One issue noted by Cherylynn, the phrase "All to increase planned giving" needed to be removed. Council in agreement. Kristina to remove phrase. Minutes then approved and seconded by Mary

IV. Inwards/Outwards Correspondence:

No correspondence noted.

V. New Business:

- a) **High Mass**-PPC Members who can attend the High Mass on Christmas Eve to gather at the doors prior to the start of mass and welcome those attending.
- b) **Placement of the Infant Jesus at Family Mass and High Mass:** For the Family Mass, Jesus is to be carried in by Priest, at the High Mass the Infant Jesus is on the alter, covered with a cloth and is reveled during the Gloria.

- c) **Finish dates on items discusses:** A reminder that when we discuss an item it is important to have someone responsible for taking care of it/getting it completed etc and have an estimation of the finish date. This is to ensure that any items/ideas discussed or put forward are actioned.
- d) **PPC Poster:** The PPC poster is now up in the foyer and looks great. Thank you to Angelique.
- e) **PPC 3 topics reminder:** A Reminder for ALL PPC members to email Angelique with the 3 topics/issues/ideas they would like on the plan.
- f) **Role of the PPC:** A timely reminder that the role of the PPC is to support our wonderful Parish Priests.
- g) **Hymns in front of the Church during Advent:** Ben had the idea of using our Parish music groups and parishioners to gather in front of the church on 23rd December from 6 to 7.30p.m and sing Hymns. Ben and Cherylynn will liaise with each other to organize this.
- h) **Procession of the Child Jesus through Upper Hutt:** A procession of the Child Jesus, Mother Mary through the town, with our Priests, Alter Servers and parishioners through our town singing hymns and carols, possibly before the High Mass? This to go on to the Parish Plan for next year.
- i) **Follow up discussion regarding Finance Committee:** Kristina discussed some concerns she had regarding the lack of transparency around the operation of the finance committee. There was agreement of the PPC surrounding the issue of no yearly plans or budgets, no change in committee members for some time. Father Maleko to bring up concerns at next Finance Committee meeting (Kristina will email Father Maleko with questions etc).
- j) **Church and Presbytery Maintenance:** There is an obvious need for much needed maintenance, the idea of professional scoping to see what needs to be done and working out an approximate cost so work can commence as soon as possible has been floated. Will revisit this at our next meeting.
- k) **Kneelers for Holy Communion:** There was a discussion about having kneelers available for those who wish to kneel to receive Holy Communion. While the way a person receives Holy Communion is personal choice and the addition of kneelers would

benefit the elderly who kneel with great difficulty; ultimately the decision to NOT have kneelers was made.

- l) **Evening Mass once per week:** This would replace one of the morning weekday masses and be available for those parishioners who work and are unable to attend a weekday mass due to their work and/or family commitments. Recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy could precede it. Father Maleko to look at this in the new year.
- m) **Saint of the Week:** Our Saints are amazing and inspiring, starting as soon as possible there will be a Saint of the Week printed in the weekly church bulletin
- n) **Job Vacancy Notice Board:** There are a lot of people within the parish looking for work, and some elderly who need the odd job done around their house. The idea of a part of the notice board in the foyer being dedicated to this. Mary to handle.
- o) **The Green Fridge:** Ken met with Judy Dixon from EJP to discuss the removal of the fridge due to vandalism and the health issue around storing food in an old and not working fridge. The idea of a community Pantry is one that is well received and should be continued. Kristina has offered to buy a pantry to be used instead of the fridge. Ken to discuss with EJP
- p) **School Mass:** While the School Mass was enjoyable and there was a good turn from the students and their families. It was apparent that there is need for more communication/help/organization between the school and Church/Liturgy committee. Feedback from parents and parishioners reflected this. This to be addressed before the next School Mass.
- q) **Family Life International:** Dana has sourced a family life international poster to be displayed in our church (Father Maleko has given his permission for this).

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

Ken adjourned our meeting at 9.14p.m and Gus lead us in closing prayer.

Minutes Submitted by Kristina Lambert-Vickers.