

St Joseph's Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday 1st October 2020

I. Call to order

Ken Eades called to order the first official meeting of the new parish council at 7.04p.m and opening prayer prayed.

II. Roll call

Apologies from Father Kevin, Father Biju, Kiko and Pat.

Present:

Ben, Gus, Mary, Remy, Tina, Kristina, Ken, Father Maleko, Angelique, Kath, Meleamo and Dana. Also present is Mary-Ann Greaney.

III. Starting a new Parish Council with Mary-Ann Greaney

We had Mary-Ann come and join our meeting, Mary-Ann works as the director of Parish Leadership Ministry at the Catholic Centre. Mary-Ann came to talk to us about the roles and responsibilities of Parish Councils and got us thinking on what style of council we want to be. We also stated the following as the values of this new parish council:

Respectful, supporting our Priests, supporting our Parish, Open Communication, Inclusive, Advisory, Accountability, Aroha, Caring, Stewardship, Holiness, Willingness, Catholic and Pride of Parish.

While the parish council is quite diverse, there are some groups within the parish that are not represented-do they need to be reached out to?

Also wise to remember that Parishioners hold the key to success of a parish, with their talents be it what they do for their living or if they have contacts that help with any parish projects.

Mary-Ann has also emailed documents around parish council guidelines, synod etc which will be emailed out to parish council members.

IV. New Business

a) New Guidelines:

It was discussed and decided that the maximum term for each parish council member is 4 years with elections held every 2 years.

If a council member is absent for 3 consecutive meetings, without approved leave, council member will be asked to step down. Please contact Ken (chair) or Ben (vice chair) if unable to make a meeting.

Meetings are from 7 to 8.30p.m, we will not go past 9p.m

b) Opening & Closing Prayers:

Each council member is to take a turn in conducting the opening and closing prayers. Kristina will have a schedule emailed out to everyone prior to the next meeting.

c) Community Reps-they are to engage with their communities and report of parish council proceedings, projects etc and each of the community reps will share any feedback, issues, community projects festivals etc with council-this will be shared each meeting as *Inwards and Outwards Correspondence*.

d) Youth-Youth engagement with church and parish is a bit lacking but watch this space as plans are coming to get the youth to engage and looking at combining the different community youth groups.

e) Parish council email-Discussion around having a dedicated email for parishioners to contact the parish council directly. Kristina to have this set up by the next meeting.

f) Mike Williams from the finance committee to attend next meeting to discuss renovations of the presbytery.

g) Caring-Angelique and Meleamo to collate a report on where need is within the parish, how the parish council can make a difference and report back to the council.

- h)** Follow on from caring-Kristina had an idea where each year Parish council organizes a high tea in late October/early November, where parishioners buy tickets to and the proceeds from this high tea go to putting together Christmas food hampers for families in need within the parish, school and wider Upper Hutt community. The Awaken Church here in Upper Hutt do something similar every year and works so well so no reason why St Joe's can't do it (and we would do it better) too! Due to COVID-19 this will be benched until next year as there most likely isn't time to organize this but something to work towards!
- i)** A Commissioning Mass for the Parish Council will be held on Sunday 18th October at the 10.30 mas, members to attend.

V. Adjournment

Ken adjourned the meeting at 9.13p.m and Ben lead the closing prayer

Minutes submitted by: Kristina Lambert-Vickers

Minutes Passed by PPC on 12th November 2020, seconded by Angelique.