

Minutes St Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council 31st January 2017

Prayer Hugh Steel @7:15 reflection on Pope Francis Christmas message of Peace.

Meeting started at 7:30

Present Father Maleko, Hugh Steel, Peter Dawson, Teresa Homan

Apologies; Joseph Mormon.

Previous minutes approved as correct;

Hugh Steel, Peter Dawson agreed by all.

Action from minutes;

- Peter reported that he had contacted Father Dowling about the decision by Father Maleko and PPC to retain current Parish Mass times was expected and approved.
- Hugh Steel has been trying to contact carver in regard to a Maori carving with no success yet but he will continue to follow this up.

Stewardship:

- It was agreed to promote Caritas Lenten program and Teresa and Hugh will look at adding a few questions to program in regard to stewardship.
- Peter is and will continue to put appropriate thoughts in regard to Stewardship in the newsletter on weekly bases.
- It was agreed to have speakers at Sunday Masses during lent to talk about their Parish ministry and how they see this as participating in Stewardship. (This would cover varied ministries)

Other items of Discussion

- It was agreed that a criteria needed to be developed in regard to the use of St Peter Chanel center, especially in regard to parishioners request for the use of the hall for private functions. This would ensure that all parishioners would know availability of the center for use and would provide guidelines to bookings coordinator.
- The reconciliation program will be up and running shortly. Fiona Rammel is to contact previous leaders of the program and to approach possible new leaders. Marie Kirkup is not going to continue as a leader and the PPC thanks her for her commitment in the past.
- The changing of mass times for Christmas Mass was discussed particularly the exclusion of the 9pm Mass. Hugh questioned if this proved to be a good decision. Father Maleko said that the two evening mass on Christmas Evening were full and there was a good number at the 9am Morning mass but 10:30 was not well attended.

- Father Maleko said he was prepared to look at and consider reinstating the 9pm evening Mass this year in conjunction with evaluation with the parish Liturgy committee.
- Father Maleko express delight in the 10:30 Mass combined choir and said people expressed to him how moving this Choir's leadership in the carol singing before Mass was for them.

Youth:

- The youth group meet on Sunday afternoons in the parish Hall.
- Father Maleko took the youth and their families down to a combined Church's carol singing in Taita before Christmas there was a very good turn out.
- It was decided to invite Matt to be youth rep on PPC.

Passionist Family Groups:

Teresa reported that, Passionist, Priest Father Traynor is coming to New Zealand in April and would be available to come and talk at masses on 30th of April to promote family groups.

Teresa reported that she would like to do some groundwork to promote family groups before he comes especially to our many new and younger families in the parish. As part of this promotion she was going to organize a young mothers coffee morning with the help of Kathleen Williams. And a picnic that families could be invited to if we get some fine weather.

Parish Pastoral Council Membership:

Father Maleko would like to invite our parish cultural communities to decide on a representative to represent them on the PPC. He will talk to these groups in the hope that they will select a representative for the council. Teresa will talk to Pat in regard to the Filipino community, representation. We will all also consider other possible PPC members and make suggestions where appropriate to Father Maleko to invite to be on council. Father Maleko expressed the thought that different communities have different ways other than election that they felt more comfortable with when selecting their representatives for committees.

Meeting closed at 8:40

Next Meeting: February 28th, 2017
 Reflection: Joe Moorman;
 Facilitator: Pat Salandanan,
 Minutes: Peter Briesman