

St Josephs Upper Hutt Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the parish meeting room, held March 27th, 2018

Present: Teresa Homan (Chair), Peter Dawson (Minutes), Kath Bennett (Board), Matt Morrison, Kiko Mataele, Ken Eades, Frances Quinn

Apologies: Fr Maleko, Hugh Steel, Steve Coulam (school).

Minutes: Agreed,

Matters arising:

Youth: Matt reported his actions from the last meeting. No response from the pews as yet, however Kath pointed out the lack of specifics in the appeal to the parish. A discussion about how we define the requirements of the person we required, and what the parish wanted the selected person to do for the parish. Matt will put together a spiel to offer the parishioners via Google docs.

Website: Discussion with Darrel elicited that the main problem was lack of information to update the site with. The website needs a refresh and a clean out. We should investigate the various FaceBook pages that seem to exist out there.

Connection with School: The new principal, Andrew Herrick, starts the first day of term two with a porphyry. Discussion with Kath about the *Self Review: Term 1* from the DRS (Steve Coulam). The school Board have agreed to the installation of CCTV, and changes to the access to the school grounds after hours.

Youth Mass: Teresa reported Steve's involvement with the youth mass, and expressed thanks for that. Matt declared it to have been an awesome event, including some of the school teachers who don't normally come to mass. Good signs for it to continue.

Sponsorship: Hugh's report was read to the council, and it was agreed that Hugh should take the matter up with the new principal after he starts next term. There was also discussion of the fees charged per student at each of the colleges. Privacy issues were also discussed.

LED screen: Everyone agreed it was a good idea, but the Finance Committee seems to be not moving fast enough for our liking. Apparently the Finance Committee were supposed to be present at this meeting, but have failed to appear – a communication breakdown somewhere?

Entrance Mural: Hugh's report on this was read to the council. More discussion has been had with Fa'apoi Uvea. Development to be further encouraged. Youth to be encouraged to contribute. Teresa Secker is also to be involved.

Kitchen: Plans for this are still ongoing. The use of the crying room was also discussed regarding the state of it's repair.

End of Life Choice bill: action completed at this time. Ken mentioned a report from the Royal College of Physicians regarding Euthanasia.

Other Business:

Youth Space: Matt expressed a desire on the part of the youth for a space that they can call their own and have access to at all hours for a "crash pad / coffee space". St Peter Chanel was mentioned. We felt we should look for a suitable place.

Synod follow-up: Teresa proposed that we should evaluate our progress against the agreed actions from Synod-17. Particularly with respect to the finance issues (LED screen, Youth Leader, etc). We should also investigate what level of finance would be appropriate for the youth leader.

Multi-cultural issues: How to get the leaders of each of the cultural groups to come together within a parish context. There was an extended discussion around how to get the various cultures within the parish to interact both with each other, and also with the wider “traditional” parish, both liturgically and socially.

Kiko mentioned that language is often a subtle barrier to other ethnicities “belonging” to the wider parish.

The need to put the text of the psalms on the overheads for those who have problems hearing English as a second language, but are more comfortable reading English was raised. Request to be forwarded to David Passmore as the custodian of the church copyright system and creator of the the “overheads” for mass.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm.

Next Meeting: April 24th, 2018, 7:15pm in the church.

(Reflection: Matt, Chair: Peter, Minutes: Hugh)

Minutes confirmed: _____
(PPC Chair –Peter Dawson)