

St Josephs Upper Hutt Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting of August 28th, 2018, held in the parish meeting room,

Present: Father Maleko, Steve Coulam (school) Kiko Mataele (chair), Teresa Homan (minutes) Peter Dawson, Tina Afoa, Ken Eades, Dana Andrews.

Apologies: Matt Morrison, Hugh Steel, Pat Salandanan, School Board.

Minutes: Agreed,

Matters arising:

Building matters:

Kitchen upgrade: there is a Draft Plan for this and the PPC is keen to see it put out for Parish comment this was to be communicated to the Parish finance committee.

LED Signage: Teresa reported that the business asked to make the box to put LED Screen into has not come through so Stewart will source materials and make this. Kiko offered assistance if needed.

Internal doors: It was agreed to get first transfer for internal door made. The transfer was to be the one submitted by Teresa. This would give the parish a sense of what they doors would look like with transfers on them. We could then get feedback on any other pictures proposed in keeping with the themes agreed previously. St Joseph and Jesus, Our Lady and Jesus, Saint Catherine, St Peter Chanel, the Eucharist (Bread wine wheat)

Parish Survey: Teresa reported that she had put on database half those collected also that some letterbox deliveries had been done. Suggested that an area of Upper Hutt be identified and people asked to help deliver in that area on a given time and day. Steve asked that the Survey Form be sent to him and he would send out from school electronically. Teresa agreed to do this.

Ken asked if ethnicity would be able to be grouped together from database it was reported that it would be. Ken also suggested that different group Leaders could then be given list of people who had identified in a specific ethnic group could contact any people they saw were missing from parish register. Kiko offered assistance with data collection if required. Tina agreed to deliver some letterbox flyers.

Other Business:

Our Father: The school led the Our Father in Maori for month of August. The children from school had learnt to sing the Our Father in Maori but this one was different from the Our Father approved by the Bishops so the approved version was used which made leading it a little more difficult. Suggestions going forward were printing in Newsletter, putting on parish web page, practice before mass started, having the Our Father in both the language we are focusing on and in English. Tongan community to lead in month of September.

Mural on foyer wall: Teresa Seeker would like to get size and area panels to cover and suggested sizes for panels. It was agreed that Steve would talk to Teresa about this and ask her to sketch us some ideas so we could agree to size of panels. Then they would talk to Matt about getting the panels and providing a quote to finance committee.

Sponsorship: Hugh has asked parish finance committee to ask those who make automatic payments to parish to include \$1 extra for child sponsorship. PPC agreed to this been a way to raise the sponsorship and not need new account for the funds. The extra money would be budgeted for the sponsorship purpose.

Youth: Dana reported that the youth group was happy with meeting at St Peter Chanel's but may change meeting day from Friday evening back to Sunday. There had been no progress on youth worker since Matt advertised this. One person had expressed interest in this position. Discussion was had in regard to world Youth Day and if any of our parish youth were going to this in Panama. Dana reported that they had looked at it but too expensive. It was suggested that it might be achievable to raise funds and sponsorship to send four of our youth to this in January 2019. Dana agreed to find out the cost so we could decide if it would be possible to do this. In regard to a youth worker it was agreed that we need to seriously look at how funds could be raised to employ a full or part time youth worker. The PPC would ask finance committee to look at possible funding for this as next step. Ken advised that Waikanae had employed a youth worker and this could be a useful resource. Peter informed the group of a youth speaker coming to St Anne's Newtown on 6th of September that the youth may want to go to hear. There will be a youth Mass in September at 5pm the youth are preparing for this now.

Children's Mass: Teresa said that it would be good to gather children together a few weeks before children's mass to practice. Asking for children to put themselves forward didn't work well so concentrating on the children that would always take part and shoulder tapping other children closer to the time would be more effective.

School: Steve reported that the school was taking part in Solidarity Day in conjunction with Caritas it was focused on looking after each other and the environment. They were also taking up a food collection to give to St Vincent De Paul.

Video: Steve advised that there was a good video produced by the Hamilton Diocese explaining the Mass. He would send link to Peter who would send out to other PPC members.

Social Justice Week: Teresa advised that this year was focused on enabling communities to take part. A particular focus was on inclusion of people with a disability. She suggested that a disabled car park could be made around the back of the church for entrance at side door where there was a ramp. Peter and Ken said that this was not required as there was access at the front of the Church. Teresa suggested an audit of our buildings would be a good way forward. Ken suggested making it more user friendly for people with a disability to participate in Ministry.

Passionist Family Groups: There are two currently active groups in the Parish. Teresa to organize another opportunity for people to join the movement over next few weeks.

Collection for Father Bijou's home community suffering due to floods: Father Maleko suggested a Parish wide collection to be taken up for this purpose. All the PPC agreed that this would be appropriate. It will be advertised this Sunday the 2nd of September to ask people to bring donation to be collected the following Sunday the 9th of September. PPC will collect with baskets in foyer Teresa will get envelopes for people to take home that Sunday as well to bring back next Sunday or bring into Parish office.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 25th, 7:15pm in the church.
(Reflection: Ken, Chair: Ken, Minutes: Peter)

Minutes confirmed: _____
(PPC Chair –Peter Dawson)