

St Josephs Upper Hutt Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the parish meeting room, Tuesday, September 25th, 2018 at 7:30pm.

Present: Fr Maleko, Ken Eades (chair), Peter Dawson (minutes), Steve Coulam, Tina Afoa, Hugh Steel, Teresa Holan,

Apologies: Pat Salandanan, Matt Morrison.

Minutes: Agreed, Steve & Tina.

Other Business:

School: Steve said that there is a lot going on at present, with the end of term Mass tomorrow, with some songs that hopefully the parish can join in. Some work to be done shortly on helping to fill the gaps in the Parish Survey through the school. A recent attempt to engage the school community achieved some degree of success. Last year the school tried to find the best way to communicate with parents, preferred songs at school masses, and what was the best time to interact.

Liturgy: Tongan Our Father is in the bulletin for this month, and hopefully there will be a bit of a spread next Sunday.

Tongans: the community is going well and are willing to help in any way needed.

Indians: Good turn out for the fundraising meal in Petone. \$1,073 was raised by the leaving collection.

Parish Survey: There is a steady trickle of forms coming in. We seem to have got most of the regular mass-goers, still working on the outliers.

Building: Still waiting for action by the PFC on the kitchen upgrade.

Stewart is now making up the box for the LED sign and is waiting on material to finish.

A discussion about enabling Wifi in the church ensued – the decision to do this is deferred to the PFC.

Doors: Some discussion about the image already on one door, and how we go about asking the parish for further discernment. Hugh asked if we should include a Pacific flavour in the images; Teresa felt the foyer mural would provide more Pacifica images. Some cultural images of Mary & the child Jesus were also suggested. Teresa to work up a blurb for the newsletter and run it past the rest of us before publishing.

Foyer mural continues along.

Caring: It was noted that the food brought up at Offertory time is passed to the Vinnies for distribution.

World Poverty Day: planned for November 18th this year. Teresa spoke to a letter from the Archdiocese (attached) and shared what is being done in Wellington as we are one of 12 dioceses worldwide to be specifically involved. There are also other plans she had developed with the Housing Trust.

Correspondence In:

Safety issues were referred to, specifically the requirement to have 2 adults present at any event involving children.

Safeguarding workshop coming up at Our Lady of the Valley on October 10th.

There is a Stewardship Workshop scheduled for October 27th at Sacred Heart, Petone. RSVP to A.Williams@wn.catholic.org.nz by October 23rd.

Parihaka: We discussed what could be done to mark Parihaka Day on November 5th. Look for music and video referring to Parihaka on YouTube and NZ On Air.
Steve talked of the Miha Mass which had been designed by the Hamilton Diocese – it could be found on the NLO website.
Also suggested a writing and/or speech competition for the school with a prize of a weekend at a Taupo batch.
Holding a full Maori mass on the day with either Fr Walls or Mons Burns as celebrant, and involvement of the Kapa Haka group from St Josephs & St Pats.

Social Justice Week: Ideas raised by the JPD group include;
Disabled access from car park at rear of the church,
Ramp access to the sanctuary area,
Ambo made friendly to people with disabilities and/or stability issues,
Encouraging disabled to get involved in ministries at mass,
Sign language to the hard of hearing.

Feast of Christ the King: Discussion of ideas for the celebration were floated. Fr Maleko suggested having only one mass that day, with a feast of some sort afterwards. The council thought these were good ideas.

Foyer Mural: Teresa Secker has asked for money to cover materials. Council decided to ask the Finance Committee for a budget to cover this development.

Meeting closed at 8:58pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 30th, at 7:15pm in the meeting room.
(Reflection: Teresa, Chair: Hugh, Minutes: Peter)

Minutes confirmed: _____
(PPC Chair –Peter Dawson)

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The initiative we would like support with is donations of \$20 or \$30 to make up meat packs to give away, to people with a community services card, on Friday the 16th November the Friday before World Day of the Poor the 18th November, which is a Sunday. We would ask if you agree to support this that you advertise this in your newsletters. We are planning to do this in conjunction with Hutt Valley BEST who will provide benefit support and help people check their benefit entitlements. We could also provide budget advice. This will take place in St Joseph's Church Foyer and grounds weather permitting on that day plus a free sausage sizzle, sandwiches, tea and coffee available for anyone.

If anyone in your church community would like to help our JPD group to organize and run these activities we would love to hear from them. I have written to Upper Hutt City council to ask them to consider making free entry to h2o pool for an hour or two on the 18th November where all people can entre free so as not to have families that perhaps cannot afford to go to the pool identified and everyone can come together rather than what often happens that low income families in our communities are excluded due to finances. Any support advocating for this with our council would also be appreciated.

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