

St Josephs Upper Hutt Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the parish meeting room, Tuesday, January 29th, 2019

Present: Teresa Homan, Peter Dawson, Ken Eades, Cushla Lippitt, Hugh Steel,

Apologies: Pat Salandanan, Kiko Mataele.

Minutes: Only just received, so not able to be confirmed at this meeting.

Matters arising:

Deferred due to the late arrival of the last meeting minutes.

Other Business:

School: Staff: Steve Coulum has moved to Hamilton; Bridget Connor is new DRS. The board is happy with the arrangement.

The new year's school roll is about 427.

The school's preference quota is about 5%, but the board is asking for that to be raised to 10%.

There are no vacancies in the teaching staff.

There is a board election due this year. 5 new Parents Reps will be needed, as well as one Proprietors Rep.

The school/parish hall remains an ongoing issue between the school and the parish. It is desirable for the *Finance Committee* to initiate a dialogue with the *School Board* (and the *PPC*), preferably before the current board retires.

Stewardship: There is a need for the parish to have a closer look at aspects of stewardship of the parish resources, specifically including the hall.

Parish Library: Cushla tabled an update to the library, and spoke briefly to it.

A copy is attached to the minutes.

Synod Follow up: Teresa expressed a desire to get more active in the stewardship aspects of the recent diocesan synod. Suggested getting small focus groups looking at each aspect. This is supposed to be a major thrust of parish activities. We thought that a PPC councillor could lead each focus group as a means of encouraging fresh blood on the council.

Enculturation: Some discussion of how we can further integrate the various cultures within the parish, including adding simple Maori responses in the mass, and running the multicultural Our Father again.

Meeting closed at 8:37pm.

Next Meeting: , 7:15pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

(Reflection: Ken, Chair: Teresa, Minutes: Hugh)

Minutes confirmed: _____
(PPC Chair –Peter Dawson)

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Tēnā koutou Parish Pastoral Council Members

Update on Parish Library

In November 2018 Theresa, Nicky B. and I spent a morning working in the parish library. We tidied it up, re-shelved some of the books and removed a few books which were damaged or were not appropriate for the library. The magazine type material was given to the After School Care unit so the children could use the pictures for Christmas cards and the like. We set up a small book stand in the parish foyer with a collection of books and a sign advertising the books could be borrowed. The books on display have been labelled. Some books have been borrowed and I have been replenishing the supply on Saturday mornings. As yet, however, no books appear to have been returned.

Thank you to Theresa for the notice in the parish weekly newsletter. It would be good to repeat the message in February, maybe monthly. We might need to add in a sentence about returning the books.

Suggestions:

- *Finish cataloguing the books. There are seven A4-sized boxes so volunteers to help with this job would be appreciated. Paula Scoon set it up so we could catalogue the library online.
- *Book ends (home-made is fine) would help to keep it tidy.
- *A length of wood along the back of each shelf would help to make it look better as it would bring all the books to the front of the shelf.
- *A roster of interested people to replenish the books on a weekly basis would share the load.
- *Print off 'St Joseph's Parish Library' labels for the books.

For the future:

- *Incorporate a parish library corner in the foyer where books can be displayed and browsed through.
- *Create a library ministry team. This has been done in parishes overseas. Some of the ideas mentioned suggested it was a way to welcome people into the parish, advertise and promote parish initiatives and provide a pleasant space for small group activities.

One link of many: <https://www.ministrymagazine.org/archive/1999/05/church-libraries-needed>

I will sort out how to do the cataloguing online and we can perhaps focus on it over the winter months.

Hopefully we can keep pursuing this matter and provide a useful resource for St Joseph's Parish.

Yours sincerely
Cushla