

St Josephs Upper Hutt Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the parish meeting room, March 26th, 2019

Present: Father Maleko, Peter Dawson, Kiko Mataele, Tina Afoa, Ken Eades, Dana Andrews, Teresa Homan, Fortune Tlapi (School board).

Apologies: Pat Salandanan, Hugh Steel.

Minutes: Agreed.

Business:

Parish review: Stewardship session to be held on the 14th April in St Josephs Church foyer 1pm to 2:30 pm for all PPC members, Finance Committee members, School Principal and School Board chair, and Liturgy Committee members.

Tuesday 30th of April 7pm to 9 pm: Review preparation meeting for PPC members, Parish Finance committee, Parish Liturgy committee rep, School principal, School Board chair person. The purpose is to gather information in the form of reports of each group's specific area of responsibility.

As this is the normal PPC meeting date, any urgent PPC concerns will be discussed (if required) after the scheduled meeting.

Safeguarding: Teresa expressed her concerns that police vetting of older Parishioners and parishioners who have been involved in Ministries for some time was over the top. Other members thought it is something everyone does now, so we just need to get on and do a vet, and it is nothing to be concerned about.

Teresa also suggested we need to do an audit of sorts of parish groups and help parish groups to develop a job description and a code of conduct as set out in the safeguarding resources for the diocese. This will also be an opportunity to identify any training or support any parish group might need. Ken said this would also help in the Parish review.

Teresa will get a list of Parish groups and each PPC member will take a group or two and talk to them about this. (Teresa has developed a survey for this purpose to be considered for use.)

School Report: All is going well, the school board still wants to discuss the parish hall with Parish. This conversation needs to happen in the first instance with the Parish Finance committee but the hall will also be part of the parish wide review discussions.

Youth: Dana reported that Matthew was encouraging some of the leaders to take on more responsibility for the group. They were preparing for the youth Mass on the 5th Sunday of the month. Dana felt that the youth Mass was not that easy for them to arrange. The group wants to encourage some of the younger youth to become involved and they were looking at how to encourage them to join especially the seniors at St Joseph's. The group was hoping to go away again together and to have another bake sale.

The PPC congratulated Dana on her leadership and participation in the Parish. We are very proud of her.

Fund raising brunch: It was hoped to have a fund raising brunch, and it was suggested that the 1st Sunday of the month might be a good time to do this beginning sometime after Easter.

Liturgy: It was hoped that there could be times set again for various ethnic groups to lead the Our Father in their native language in the near future.

Alpha: Teresa suggested we look at running this in the later part of the year. Peter mentioned that he had been approached about running a parish mission at some stage.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 30th, 7:00pm in the meeting room.

An external facilitator is to be arranged for this meeting.

Minutes confirmed: _____
(PPC Chair –Peter Dawson)