

St Josephs Upper Hutt Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held in the parish meeting room, Tuesday, August 27th, 2019.

Present: Fr Maleko, Fr Biju, Peter Dawson, Andrew Herrick, Teresa Homan, Tina Afoa, Ken Eades, Dana Andrews, Sr Mata, Hugh Steel.

Apologies: Pat Salandanan, Marie Kirkup (School Board)

Minutes: As there were only 3 present at July's meeting it was abandoned, thus no minutes.

Business:

Initial Remarks: Fr Maleko mentioned that some parishioners had spoken to him about the results of the review.

Greenstone Doors: There is a need to offer some dates to them for a combined meeting to go over options. Agreed to offer Sunday afternoon, September 8th, at 2pm, at SPC.

Abortion Legislation: Teresa suggested that we should have a dedicated time for prayer about the legislation currently before the Parliamentary Select Committee. Suggested that we make it a Thursday evening in the Foyer at 7:00pm, beginning on September 5th, for three weeks.

Stewardship Retreat: There is an annual retreat run by the ADW stewardship group, last year in Petone. We have offered St Joseph's for November 2nd, for an all-day event. Teresa has offered to provide morning & afternoon teas. There are also breakfasts run several times a year, and it has been suggested that the March event be held at St Joes.

Spring Festival: The parish has participated in the annual Spring Festival for a number of years, however the floral art display has lapsed due to the death of the organiser.

The Devonshire Teas will be run as usual.

Spring Festival is September 14th this year.

We could also have a craft stall outside on the day, with profits donated to Women's Refuge (the sponsors and benefactors of the Festival). A candidate for RCIA has offered to assist.

Foyer Wall Art: Current state is somewhat uncertain, awaiting feedback from Fa'apoi Uvea and Teresa Secker who are coordinating designs. The issue has been on the back burner due to the parish review. Teresa has got busy with her business; Fa'apoi has some ideas, but is waiting for someone to help him advance them.

Autistic Children: Teresa observed that there are a small number of families with autistic children, and wondered how we as a parish could support them. Ken shared that his previous parish had a sacramental program set up specifically for such children.

An offer of an occasional babysitting service for the affected couples may be useful.

Parish Review: A number of emailed submissions on the review were tabled for discussion.

Teresa proposed another meeting of the PPC & the review committee to review the letters that have been received. Discussion wandered around various issues relating to money and how we aren't getting enough to run without relying on bequests from deceased parishioners.

The school is also working on closer links with the parish.

Suggested 7pm, Tuesday, September 3rd for a meeting of the entire review committee; Judy to facilitate the meeting and Hugh will take the minutes.

PPC Membership: One submission on the review noted that some members of the PPC have been 'on' for quite a while, and there has been no election for new members for some time – actually since Fr Ron left and Fr Maleko became PP – thus a question as to what authority the Review Committee had to make decisions. There was a brief discussion on this, but no firm decision or recommendation.

Meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at 7:15pm in the Meeting Room.
(Reflection: Ken, Chair: Teresa, Minutes: Peter)

Minutes confirmed: _____
(PPC Chair –Peter Dawson)