

St Josephs Upper Hutt Parish Pastoral Council

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

Present: Fr Maleko, Peter Dawson, Teresa Homan, Ken Eades, Hugh Steel, Kiko Mataele, Lisa Chivers (school board).

Apologies: Pat Salandanan

Minutes: No formal minutes were taken at the last meeting, it being solely concerned with finalising the report to Cardinal John.

The meeting began with members introducing themselves for the benefit of Lisa, who was at her first meeting as a board rep.

Matters arising:

Stewardship Retreat: To be held this Saturday with a scheduled start time of 9:30am. There will be a need to coordinate with the 9am mass which should finish at about the same time. Teresa spoke to the need to set up a stewardship group in the parish, with some ideas about how this group would communicate with the PPC. It was pointed out that a stewardship group has existed, but has faded out since about 2012, with a brief resurgence in 2016.

PPC Membership: Hugh spoke to the evolving roles of the PPC and the various reps that make up the PPC (Liturgy, stewardship, ethnic groups, etc). He felt that each member should have a specific responsibility that they are charged with overseeing and reporting back to the PPC about – this would hopefully give each PPC member a reason to continue contributing to the overall parish.

The Parish Review points out some areas where we don't at present have any formal activity, and these should be 'gingered up' a bit. Children's liturgy at Sunday masses is a case in point. Teresa felt that the PPC should be shoulder tapping people to fill these roles.

Greenstone Doors: There is a meeting between Wendy Hill & Fr Maleko on Friday to go through a Memorandum of Understanding between Greenstone Doors & the parish.

Other Business:

Teresa's Items: Should we organise a Christmas social event? Kiko told us that his community in Panmure have a big bash on the weekend before Advent each year. A suggestion was for our parish to have an event on Saturday (23rd) evening around the Feast of Christ the King. Finding people to organise it would seem to be the big issue. A long discussion around where and how ensued.

Sexual Abuse Response: Teresa tabled a letter regarding an unnamed parishioner who has suffered abuse by a clerical person, has been through the process for dealing with the abuse, but still feels estranged from parish life. Teresa feels we should do something to publicly acknowledge that abuse has happened, and that the community is unwilling to tolerate abuse, and is fully accepting of the victims. We feel that Fr Maleko should consult with his brother priests about how to proceed with this idea for this parish.

Youth: The youth are planning an event for December 8th in the auditorium at St Pats for all the youth of both upper valley parishes, covering the various ethnic groups that we each have.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 26th, 2019, 7:15pm in the Church or Meeting Room.
(Reflection: Ken, Chair: Kiko, Minutes: Teresa)

Minutes confirmed: _____
(PPC Chair –Peter Dawson)