

St Joseph's Upper Hutt Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of meeting held in parish meeting room, Tuesday, 4th Feb, 2020.

Present: Peter Dawson, Ken Eades, Hugh Steel, and Teresa Homan, Fr Maleko, Kiko Mataele

Apologies : Pat Salandanan

Meeting Facilitator Peter Dawson

Minutes Hugh Steel

Reflection Ken Eades

Previous Meeting Notes – published prior to confirmation due to end of year pressures – Facilitated by Hugh, so correction required. Usually we would confirm before publishing so will return to that practise.

Last Minutes

(Issues of Historical Sexual abuse) action for healing;
Proposal to look at ways of offering healing to parishioners and or their families harmed by Sexual abuse by a person in authority within the Parish. Discussion around this – the Commission for Sexual Abuse current now and its raising of situations across communities, we can take a pro-active role in supporting victims with a liturgy possibly around Easter. This is not about identification in anyway or blame for lack of knowledge, but rather our parish offering prayer and support. Some consideration will be given to this, it is a sensitive issue.

Greenstones Doors – Outreach at CFC

Opening 22nd of Feb at 11am, building freshened up with some working bees over the last few months and ready to start its work at Chanel Family Centre.

New matters

St Josephs Parish Review

No feedback as yet from the Diocese. Some parishes have not yet completed their Review. We don't envisage any issues with our Review so are keen to move forward.

Two aspects of the Plan that we can set in motion are:

Eucharistic programme for the Parish – a resource from the Diocese, to run as a discussion group. Theresa and Hugh can, with support, make this happen.

Explore opportunities for sharing cross cultural traditions, music, language, prayer social activities. Pentecost Sunday, May 31st, is an opportunity to work towards. Will approach Pat who may take the coordinating role for this. One possible event is an Ethnic meal that can be hosted during the year.

PPC moving forward – discussion on renewal. Possibly elections, but the model used by Fr Maleko over the last 3 years as PP has been one of appointment. The Parish Review provides a framework, and continuing the appointment process would mean inviting members of the community to consider how they could contribute towards the implementation of the Parish Review at a PPC meeting, and then applying in writing to Fr Maleko stating where they see their abilities lie, or as a representative of a group within the parish that has a role in carrying out the Parish review direction. Present members could consider whether they have a role moving forward as well. This appeals currently so will consider and revisit next meeting.

EJP have been offered the opportunity to run an ecology seminar during lent. This was supported by the meeting if Father Maleko was happy for this to be a parish focus during lent. Fr Maleko happy for this to go ahead. Catherine Gibbs is the leader of the programme – Caritas based. 3rd week of lent, March 16 to 20. A three night focus on Ecological issues, a

speaker, with some input on Laudato Si. Chris Carson, UHCC to talk about Recycling in Upper Hutt, and a few other people to come and share information on local environmental actions. The school has been asked to contribute – unsure yet as to response. The full programme will be posted to the parish – online and poster.

Notice from Diocese regarding ongoing input on Safeguarding Workshops for PPC and those working with vulnerable groups. More details regarding dates to come.

Offer from Stewardship and Philanthropy group, Diocesan based organisation, to run a Planned Giving programme. This appears to be at no charge. Three other parishes have used this programme. The PPC endorse a programme to support Planned Giving and recommend this to the Finance Committee.

Possibility of utilising the parish hall now that the Hapai Club has closed. A small tidy up would be given. We support this and recommend this to the Finance Committee.

PPC meetings moved to first Tuesday of the month

Next meeting Tuesday, March 3rd, 7:15pm in the meeting room.

Ken – Facilitator

Peter - Minutes

Reflection – Hugh

Meeting ended at 8:44pm