

**The Catholic Parish of Hastings**  
**Parish Council Committee Minutes**  
**Meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**  
**7pm at the Immaculate Conception Church Paki Paki**

**Welcome:** Mike welcomed the committee to the meeting

**Opening Prayer:** Committee members recited the Parish Prayer

**Present:** Mike Flynn (chair), Tuta Visesio-Pita, Alma del Rosario, Fr Vince 'Onesi, Deb Lucy (minutes)

**Apologies:**, Santosh Thomas, Lynn Hill, Fr Brian Carmine

Minutes of the September meeting were taken as a true and accurate record. Fr Vince/ Tuta

**Paki Paki report**

- Old Church has been granted Heritage 1, still waiting for report from Chris Cockran (Heritage Architect) before we can move forward. Cost of report \$15,000.00 was covered by funding grants.
- Four Baptisms were celebrated the previous Sunday – lovely Mass. Hera thanked Charles for the wonderful Font.
- Defibrator training will be coming soon. To be advertised in Newsletter.

**Matters arising from the August minutes:**

Ministry Booklet: due to SVDP appeal drive for the first two weeks of October, booklet will be out later in October.

**Correspondence Inn:**

Letter from Richard Jennings regarding Star to be erected on the Sacred Heart roof.

***Mike to contact Richard to discuss if council consent needs to be given due to height or weight, also to include Alan Stanley and Terry Greig regarding Health & safety issues.*** Deb has offered a harness for when it is being erected.

Idea's for Strategic planning – to be discussed in General Business

**General Business:**

Strategic planning idea's – Various idea's from Richard Jennings

- Homily on Website: It was discussed that special occasions may warrant this but priests at times speak may just speak from the heart and not have it in written form. Fr Vince to discuss with Fr Brian and Deacon Tevita.
- The Our Father recited in own language during mass – Time was a factor that some languages take nearly twice the time to say in their language than in English and thought this may be a problem. People are more than welcome to say in their language if they wish but will not be announced to do so.

- Parish Prayer, instead of Suzanne Aubert prayer – the parish prayer will be displayed before mass on the power point for people who wish to pray it can. Committee's will be asked to pray this pray at the start or end of their meetings. Prayer will be recited at social gatherings and retreats.

***As there were a few more idea's it was decided that Charles and Mike would contact Richard so that they could sit down with him to discuss more fully.***

Environmental Group:

- Animators in church, who would call people's attention to what is happening and encourage participation – Committee felt that this was happening with Priests notices, happenings poster each month displayed in church foyer and website information.
- Care of people with disabilities – Health & Safety did a check this year, regarding wheelchair access, Sacred Heart church is adapted for the hearing impaired.

***Mike to contact Sr Mary in regard to explaining 'Animators definition'***

**Alpha Series:** Interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith. Committee to investigate this programme, leaders will need to be found. Fr Brian to be involved.

Madonna Maria – DMAC met with Pat Taylor, Lee & Chris Russell in Palmerston North.

Outcome: Agreed to retain Madonna, Diocese to send formal memorandum to friends of Madonna which must be adhered too. All costs will be the funded by the friends of Madonna.

Charles was in Wellington and went through the Marist Archives in Thorndon, he was gifted a set of early Maori magazines 1909-1926, a chalice and some Maori prayer books. They are gifting also a duplicate set of Maori prayer books. They will be well received at Immaculate Conception as they are all usable resources. Charles was very thankful.

Trung's Ordination – wonderful ceremony

Flash Mob for Christmas – two Hymns – Silent Night and Joy to the World – needing various people, all are welcome, more the merrier to travel to various points, clock tower, The Warehouse and Kmart on a night (one night only) to sing these hymns. It was discussed that this would truly make a witness to the Birth of Jesus in all the hustle & bustle of commercial advertising/shopping, we could just stop and remember what Christmas is truly about. We will be having a practice so watch for a notice in the newsletter in the next few weeks.

This will replace the Ecumenical Christmas Carols

Strategic Planning: Special Meeting – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 5pm at St Peter Chanel

Dinner will be supplied

***Deb to put a power point together.***

Closing Prayer: Fr Vince led 'Glory Be'

**Next meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 7pm at the Parish office.**

