**Pastoral Council Catholic Parish of Hastings**

**Minutes of Meeting Tuesday 7 March 2017 at 7:00 pm**

**The meeting commenced at 7:10 pm**

**Present:**  Mary-Jo Close (Chair), Trish Sharp (Minutes), Judith Drabble, Mary Fama, Hera Ferris, Deb Lucy, Vipin Thomas, Gloria Reilly

**Welcome:** Mary-Jo welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

 Copy of prayer is to be sent to committee members

**Apologies:** Mike Flynn, Sam Ah-Lam, Fr Vince, Fr Nat.

**Prayer Times Assigned:**

**7:15 – 7:35** Gloria **7:35 – 7:55** Mary **7:55 – 8:15** Judith

Mary suggested committee get parishioners or group to pray for committee at the time of meeting or at a suitable time so committee can focus on agenda.

**Minutes of the previous meeting 7 February 2017: Tabled**

**Matters arising from the minutes:**

* **Ministry Fair;** Discussion to be held at AGM. Too short notice for this year so in six months’ time planning to take place for 2018 AGM
* **Singing of Migrant workers;** Migrant worker’s luncheon to be held on 26th March 2017 at SPC after the multicultural Mass.

Mary-Jo has requested there be representatives from the committee at that luncheon and to wear name badges.

**Correspondence Inwards:**

1. Hastings Parish Needy Families Outreach 2017
2. Letter from Richard Jennings – suggestion for a Ministry to people in Prison.

**General Business:**

**AGM;** Sunday 12 March 2017 at 11.30am

Reports will be heard from all committees including Youth, Pastoral assistant, St Josephs and St Mary’s

Apologises from Hera.

 Mary-Jo would like representatives from committee to help with morning tea.

**Maori Council meeting**

Hera reported back on Maori Apostolate Forum (attached to minutes) – Points for discussion were strategies to be put in place for Maori youth. Deb apologised for not sending this report out to members prior to the meeting.

Hera was asked how the Catholic Parish of Hastings can support her with her work within the Maori community as she said we should be getting involved with Maori. The committee asked Hera what support she needed and how we could help. Vipin suggested the committee visit the Marae, Mary-Jo suggested that events could be advertised in our church newsletter. Hera commented that she would need permission for us to advertise.

Committee is happy to support but needs some direction on how we can do this, from Hera.

This could also be discussed with Fr Vince.

**Vision for Catholic Parish of Hastings:**

Fr Vince has taken the visions and will process what came in and report back at the next meeting.

Deb advised she has approached Napier parish who got professional help with their vision. She has the name and company who helped CPN. They will come back to her with Vision statements.

Mary suggested the outcome should be taken back to the Parish council before any decision made.

Vipin commented is it necessary to have a vision

**Social Justice:**

Letter sent via email, by Mary, to all committee members prior to meeting for perusal.

Mary asked for reactions to letter sent out regarding Needy Families Outreach 2017. Hera commented that she is humbled by the work Mary is doing.

 Mary asked the committee if they would support the Needy Families Outreach programme. Committee agreed for an insert in the newsletter

Mary also sent, via email, 3 letters from Tony Hood, Janet Hood and Tony Murphy regarding school dues.

Some discussion was had. Final outcome: This is a Finance matter and needs to be addressed in that Forum.

Vipin advised he is part of Jesus Youth who will be having a 40-day adoration from 1st Tuesday after Easter 25th April to Pentecost – 30 May 2017 at SH church from 8am to 8pm. Vipin to supply an insert for newsletter nearer to the time.

Hera tabled a letter:

 “Nannies against P” hui to be held 11 March 2017 at Omahu Marae 9.30am powhiri, 10.00am Kapi ti Hui 10.30am. Organised speakers and 2 Nannies will be sharing their experiences and how this drug has effected them as a family. (Letter attached to minutes)

Letter received from Richard Jennings regarding the establishment of a Ministry to people in prison, released from prison, or gang related. This was read out by Mary-Jo. Discussion was had and it was decided we needed more advice on this matter. Deb to discuss with Fr Vince on how we can support these people. It was suggested that Sr Alisi be involved in this discussion.

Next meeting to be held Monday 2nd April 2017 at 7.00pm

Hera closed with a prayer.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm