

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HASTINGS PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting, Parish Office, Tuesday 1 June 2021, 7pm

Welcome: Rob welcomed everyone to the meeting

Opening Prayer: Parish Prayer read by all

Present: Frs Marcus and Trung, Rob Hill, Richard Jennings, Jenny Cumberbeach, Lucy Laitinen, Nicola de Jesus, Pat Taylor (minutes secretary)

Apologies: Fr Anthony

Minutes from May Meeting: Moved: Jenny 2nd Lucy

Matters Arising:

Placing of Mary's Statue: There was no great hurry to finalise the issue of moving Mary's Statue. People need to learn the theology of Our Lady – what people think and believe need to be responded to - it is an important issue. A seminar is to be held on Saturday 12 June on Our Lady theology.

Children's Liturgy Review: A meeting was held where new ideas and strategies were discussed. The content of the programme now being used has not been reviewed for many years. The Auckland Diocese website has many good ideas that could be used. Theresa Garguilo had worked on a programme – the need to identify a person who could lead and progress this ministry was necessary and important. There are good ideas out there which could be shared across each community. It is to be remembered that this is not a baby-sitting service.

Parish Map Proposals: Richard presented a summary of issues he felt needed addressing after the preparation of the Parish Map. Several of these items would be covered in the additions to the CPH Plan being worked on at present by the sub-committee. The Connect Group who have finished ALPHA could also help out in some situations while other items involved the Liturgy Committee. There was a need to tread carefully on some items mentioned. The Parish Map is a living document. The Parish Roll needs to be looked at.

Richard: The communities need to see what the PPC is doing – we are now into June with no information out there so far. Also, the fact two of the four hymns on Trinity Sunday were to Mary was not right. On great feasts the music needs to be in tune with the day.

Inwards Correspondence: Resignations received from Lynn Hill and Claudia Beacham. They were thanked for their contribution to PPC.

Items for Information:

- a) Strategic Plan submission from Parishioner's summary. 15 were received. Support and further ideas mentioned – promotion of groups and numbers – SHC sound system
- b) Items involving Charles were deferred to next meeting as Charles was not present. Nicola and Lucy to talk to Charles.
- c) Richard has received the Anglican Diocese Covid response plan for levels 3 and 4. To also contact St Vincent de Paul to see what plan they have.
- d) Identifying Spiritual Gifts would be helpful for communities. Richard mentioned his wife could do this.
- e) Alterations to Parish Centre: Morgan Builders are to look at what can be achieved to make the centre more friendly. Fr Marcus felt the removal of a wall may be necessary – Morgan' will do drawings. Fr Marcus made a suggestion that a post Communion collection could be held with donations going towards costs of alterations

Review of Sacramental Programme: Leaders to meet to review the programme then a meeting held with parents to hear what they thought of the programme. There was good feedback on parents' night.

ALPHA: It is hoped more parishioners will attend ALPHA. To ask people who have finished this course to share their Testament at Mass.

Personal Formation: Suggested to have a retreat not just for PPC members but for the CPH. Jenny and Janet to organise formation. Theme for education "How the Holy Spirit works in Liturgy". To hold a short reflection at the beginning of each PPC meeting. To have links on the CPH website, Facebook as to where articles can be found. Copies of Divine Revelations to be made available and perhaps a brief presentation before Mass. Communication is so important and necessary.

Parish App: Children preparing for 1st Communion and Reconciliation to go on the Parish App. Jenny and Fr Marcus to put together a plan.

New Parishioners: To overview literature that is be handed to new parishioners

CPH 'Living as Christ' Document: Lucy and Nicola brought the meeting up to date with the work the sub-committee have been doing to this document. Updates will be shared each meeting.

CPH Chat Sheet: Richard suggested putting together a CPH Chat Sheet to go out to the community. He was happy to undertake this. Decision to be made.

Fr Marcus: Something needs to change – a revolution? We need to roll out our vision to the community, there are ways to do it, but it takes time.

Fr Marcus asked that members read carefully the documents he has sent them – to reach a conclusion on how to get people on board to do things – events to bring people together remembering the age composition in the CPH, to discuss ideas and apply to what can be done.

TO BE ACTIONED:

Lucy & Nicola: To contact Charles

Fr Marcus & Jenny: Plan for information to go on Parish App

PPC Sub-committee: How, when and what information to go out to Parishioners and how to move forward. Something needed soon.

All Members: Read carefully documents from Fr Marcus, reaching conclusion on how to get people on board – events to bring people together

NO MEETING IN JULY - NEXT MEETING 3TH AUGUST, 7 PM PARISH OFFICE