

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HASTINGS PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting, Parish Office, Tuesday 2nd March 2021, 7pm

Welcome: Rob welcomed everyone to the meeting

Opening Prayer: Parish Prayer read by all

Present: Frs Marcus and Trung, Rob Hill, Deacon Tevita, Claudia Beacham, Charles Ropitini, Richard Jennings, Jenny Cumberbeach, Nicola de Jesus, Pat Taylor (minutes secretary)

Apologies: Fr Anthony, Tuta Visesio-Pita, Lucy Laitinen, Lynn Hill,

Minutes from February Meeting: Moved: Fr Trung 2nd Nicola

Matters Arising:

Letter from EJS: The suggestion to have a professional look at SH microphone – Fr Marcus would take this to the Finance Committee and the issue of an Animator would go to the Liturgy Committee for discussion.

Discussion Forum: As Richard was the only one to discuss this with parishioners, other members were asked to do this before the next meeting. Richard's response he received was 'yes'

Date and Arrangements for CPH Annual Meeting: Still to be discussed

Inwards Correspondence: Nil

Outward Correspondence: Letter to Sister Mary and EJS letting the group know that their suggestions were discussed and the following action taken: Professional to look at sound system at SH – Fr Marcus would take this suggestion to the Finance Committee

Animator: Matter to be referred to the Liturgy Committee for discussion

General Business:

Parish Mass: There has been good feedback although the attendance was disappointing with different groups not represented. We need to look at the positives but acknowledge that negatives exist. We need to learn from this event as it tells us where the Parish is at and the need to change how people participate in Parish life. It prepares us for big events like Suzanne Aubert

celebrations. Suggestion that food be available closer to lunch also have an ambulance on site. Photos from the Mass were on the Parish website

Parish Plan Update: A sub-committee to be set up to look at and discuss what changes can be made to improve the original Parish Plan “To live as Christ”. Do we have the right skills to achieve Parish Vision? Lucy, Tuta, Nicola, Richard and Jenny to make up this group.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue: . Members to think about how this can be achieved Mention was made of ‘Flowers in Praise’ where all faith communities participate in flower arrangements depicting religious themes.

Charles: Presented PPC Maori Pastoral Plan (draft) which is to be discussed at the April meeting. He also emailed all members copies of various documents for their perusal.

- Draft Māori Pastoral Plan (attached)
- School Pepehā St Joseph's School (attached)
- Draft Treaty of Waitangi Policy Statement Sacred Heart College (attached)
- Hui Aranga Māori Easter Gathering and Pastoral Hui
- Māori Language Week September
- Suzanne Aubert Celebration Day and Rosary Pilgrimage in October
- For information: Heritage Assessment for 1880 Church of the Immaculate Conception

The Easter Hui at Waipatu will go ahead but in smaller form due to Covid-19

The old church at PakiPaki is on Maori Mission land. As Maori Missions no longer exist what is it now? A vision for Catholic Maori is needed. Preference Criteria for students attending Catholic Schools is at crisis point – Maori Catholic identity at risk – own people need to stand up. Charles was thanked for all the work he has done.

From PPC Saturday Meeting:

Richard: Offered to undertake the 'analysis and mapping of the wider parish ecosystem - who does what', and to report back to the PPC in two months (May meeting). He would need to co-opt help from "central" people from each church as well as others, including both lay and clergy.

Timetable: To compile a timetable Scheduling upcoming meetings for all to look at, items to be added and discussed as they come up so that everyone know what is happening.

Communication with Wider Parish: Agreed that items should be placed in the Parish Newsletter regularly. Fr Marcus to write an article for the newsletter, outlining what is happening with the PPC

Fr Marcus closed the meeting with prayer:

TO BE ACTIONED:

Fr Marcus: Arrangements for Annual Meeting

All Members: Ask parishioners if they are interested in being involved in holding a forum for discussion, question and answers?

Richard: Mapping of wider parish ecosystem to be discussed at May meeting

Items from March Meeting for discussion - Richard

- Does the parish give acknowledgement or backing to the children of parishioners working as missionaries overseas?
- Does the parish have a documented Complaints Procedure?
- Could the parish ask for volunteers to be in the office during weekday mornings to offer support to staff?
- Does the parish offer the equivalent of "exit interviews" to parishioners leaving the congregations?
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- **"Develop a Parish Plan for COVID-19 Levels 3 and 4 Lockdown."**
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- While much of what we would have to do is dictated by the government and the bishops, there are many ways we could better serve our community than we did last time. If it happens again, let's be prepared!
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