

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HASTINGS PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting, Parish Office, Tuesday 4 May 2021, 7pm

Welcome: Rob welcomed everyone to the meeting

Opening Prayer: Parish Prayer read by all

Present: Frs Marcus and Trung, Rob Hill, Lynn Hill, Claudia Beacham, Richard Jennings, Jenny Cumberbeach, Lucy Laitinen, Tuta Visesio-Pita, Nicola de Jesus, Pat Taylor (minutes secretary)

Apologies: Fr Anthony

Parish Covid Plan - Richard

In the likelihood of a further lockdown at levels 3 or 4 the need for a Parish plan to help the elderly living alone with shopping or other needs is vital. The Anglican Community already has a plan which Lucy is happy to share. Sub-committee of Lucy, Richard and Trung to look at this.

Children of Parishioners Working in Overseas Missions - Richard

As a Parish we need to support them. Those who have been missionaries have found it hard keeping the faith. Suggested we look after our own community first before going out – try to act locally, but support missionaries with our prayers.

Minutes from April Meeting: Moved: Tuta 2nd Lynn

Inwards Correspondence:

Letters from Janet van Hooijdonk and Carol Wahl with submissions on the strategic plan. Subcommittee to summarise items and report back to the PPC. Given to Lucy.

Catholic Parish of Hastings Map of Parish Ecosystem - Richard

The presentation of this Parish Map indicates that those involved in the different community ministries are all well over 65 yrs. and seemed to have no follow up plan for the future.

The Liturgy for Children was questioned. Who runs them and what training do they receive? It is not a baby-sitting service but for 5 – 8-year-olds and needs renewing. Many of the children do the programme at school so need a further challenge. We are a divided church of the elderly and younger generations. Fr Marcus to review the Children's Liturgy Programme. He can preach through the children to the parents.

How do we identify and interface with each group - perhaps ask them to attend the PPC? Richard recommended asking the Liturgy chairperson to attend PPC. Fr Marcus felt the Liturgy Committee needed something to get their teeth into.

What do we do about Richard's recommendations? Next meeting to look at identifying Spiritual Gifts.

Seniors of the ALPHA group – what can they do to help out? Over the next 5 years Fr Marcus hopes 80% of parishioners will have attended this course.

How can we help younger people become part of PPC – babysitting?

This document has been forwarded to all PPC members. Many thanks to Richard for a job well done.

Items for Decision:

PPC members to meet with school staff to discuss where the council is at and hear what the teachers are trying to achieve. Who is going to talk to who and when?

Another formation meeting for PPC members to be held. Jenny asked to put together a study plan for PPC members to read, then hold a retreat to discuss.

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.

Moving of Mary's Statue:

The meeting held to show people and discuss the moving of this statue had a good response, although many had not read all the covering literature. It can be a distraction - too big for the area. Richard mentioned that the feeling in the community was that Fr had already made up his mind on this move. It will be given another week then finalised.

Fr closed the meeting with a prayer

TO BE ACTIONED:

Fr Marcus:	Review Children's Liturgy	Resolve moving of Mary's statue
Jenny:	Study plan for PPC members	
Nicola:	Summary of Strategic Plan suggestions from parishioners	
PPC Sub-committee:	How, when and what information to go out to Parishioners and how to move forward. Something needed soon.	
Lucy:	Parish Covid Plan	
Richard:	Identifying spiritual gifts	
All Members:	Read carefully documents from Fr Marcus, reaching conclusion on how to get people on board – events to bring people together	

NEXT MEETING 1 JUNE 2021, 7 PM PARISH OFFICE