

CATHOLIC PARISH OF HASTINGS PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of Meeting, Sacred Heart Office, Tuesday 1 September 2020, 7 PM

Welcome: Fr Marcus welcomed everyone to meeting

Opening Prayer: Parish Prayer read by everyone

Present: Tuta Visesio-Pita, Lynn Hill, Rob Hill, Lucy Laitinen, Tevita Faka'osi, Frs Marcus, Anthony & Trung, Pat Taylor (Minutes Secretary).

As the Parish Pastoral Council is in the process of rebuilding and has no Chairperson, Fr Marcus chaired the meeting.

Fr Marcus

Trish Sharpe: has resigned from her office position - due to the time she will need to recover she felt it best to resign. Deb is coming back and perhaps she could job-share with the person employed for media work.

Office Door: The door is heavy and uninviting for those visiting the office. The staff would like it to remain as they had experienced unwelcome visitors in the past. Suggested a 'panic button' could be installed and the space reshuffled. Fr was open to suggestions for better use of the space.

Sunday Multicultural Mass: We are always multicultural – not to get just focused on that. Another meeting to be held 9 September, 7 pm to talk through issues – how people express their culture.

Sacraments: The DRS at St Joseph's and St Mary's are working with the children making their 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion. Dates for the Sacraments have been advised

Confirmation: Faaki is working with students preparing for Confirmation – 7 students to date

Liam Greer: Is to visit Fr Marcus next week. He is the replacement for Tony Murphy on the Diocesan team – CEO of finance.

Money: The cry is always that we have no money. This not the case as there is considerable money in the Diocese accounts. DMAC gives loans from the funds and people can invest also.

Heat Pumps: Fr is to talk to Brian Kelly on this matter. The wiring and other problems in churches need to be addressed before, if at all, heat pumps can be installed.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: No minutes from previous meeting

Matters Arising from Minutes:

Inward Correspondence: Nil

Outwards Correspondence: Nil

General Business:

CPH Strategic Plan: Fr Marcus asked how many had read the strategic plan – several hands went up. Lucy felt that a part of the plan was missing. After 'Strategies' what are we going to do to achieve the intended outcome'. There should be a 'Who and How' so that work could be undertaken and outcome achieved. Tuta had tried to point this out when the plan was being worked on last year. It is lacking focus, needs a tactical plan under each title. Suggested parts of the Strategic Plan be discussed at each Council meeting.

Aubert Center: The Sisters of Compassion set up in Flaxmere around 1989 along with Fr Tom O'Connor, working with the Maori community later Tongan and Samoan communities. Tevita spoke of the journey his people were involved in at the Aubert Centre. Over time the numbers attending Sunday Mass at the centre grew to over 100 attendees making it unsafe for those gathered. Bishop Peter suggested the extension of the building but was impossible due to lack of space. The land that had been purchased for a school was sold earlier. The solution was for them to move into SPC. This was not an easy decision and was against the wishes of his people - some still will not come into Mass at SPC. The group struggled to be accepted – different music and culture.

The question was 'What do we envisage for the use of the Aubert Centre'? Many parishioners would not have ever visited the centre. It was suggested an 'Open Day' be held Saturday 19 September, 2 – 4 pm so that parishioners can come, look through and question those present on the history of the Aubert Centre. It is not about the building but about the people. Parish Council, Finance and Liturgy members will be invited to attend if possible

Tevita now works from the centre involved with Kainga Pasifika, working against family violence – this is a non-religious entity.

The office of this group is moving to Hastings. In 2021 Tevita would like to set up an entity of their own with the support of the parish. He would like to set up a trust and that the property at Flaxmere be adapted to their needs.

Pasifika Mass: To be held 13 September with Sacred Heart and St John's College pupils.

Connect: Lucy spoke of the gathering of 5 families and their children on a Saturday from 3-5 pm. They discussed their church experience and other issues. They will meet once a month, taking it in turns to lead, will present something that they can all discuss and attend Mass together once in a while. There will be an open invitation to families who would like to join – sometimes it is difficult with young families but it is important being part of faith family.

Fr Chris Skinner Concert: What do we want from this concert? So far, the airfare for Chris has been set up for 22 November. A committee has started to form (3 so far) – decision as to where concert will be held and cost for attendees to be settled. Barry O'Connor Centre suggested or would it be better held in church - LOL.

Social Activity: There was a suggestion that the youth be asked to put on an activity for the Parish – to be looked at in October meeting

Sean Bell: Fr Marcus has met with Sean. There are 5 elements in the overall strategy for our parish, including sharing joy, accompanying one another on the journey

TO BE ACTIONED:

All: To attend open day at Flaxmere 19 September 2 – 4 pm
More people to help organize Chris Skinner concert

Fr Marcus: Discuss heat pumps with Brian Kelly
Consider looking at one aspect of Strategic Plan at meetings
October meeting discuss asking youth to put on something for Parish