

MINUTES

St Mary's Parish Council Meeting

Date: 7pm, Wednesday 5th September 2018

Apologies: Rodney Fernando, Lisa Day, Tapinga

Present: Fr Philip Lakra, Fr Ranjit Ekka, Sr Marie Therese, Anna Jared, Jesse Chittilapally, Elmira Curin, Dave Wood, Lisa Hyde, Paul Marshall, Joe Brownfield, Shamini Pushparaj

Meeting Opened: - with a prayer led by Fr Philip Lakra

Correspondence in: Nil

Correspondence out: Nil

Matters Arising:

Lisa Hyde resigned from PPC

Elmira and Jesse leaving at end of 2018

1) PPC Chair & Secretary positions to fill:

Chairperson position nominations: Dave Wood and Anna Jared nominated to co-chair - No other nominations. Voted and accepted.

Secretary: Lisa Hyde resigned. Joe Brownfield nominated and accepted by vote. Role includes taking and emailing minutes, preparing and sending out agenda for upcoming meeting, remind/prompt people who have actions to complete from last meeting. Gmail account set up for chairperson & secretary to use.

2) Jesse to check Liturgy Committee representative for PPC Action: Jesse to confirm with Lovelin (*carried over from last month*), Office to ask liturgy committee to appoint representative to attend PPC meetings

3) Fit for Mission – *At every Parish Council meeting, the Agenda will include discussion of what pastoral activities have been undertaken by St Mary's Parish as well as suggestions/ideas on ways the Parish can further help our community.*

Action Carried over: Jesse to email details/report & invite DPC Chair Frederik to next meeting,

PPC asked to support Dianne, still need volunteer/s to write report and support caring committee as per last month's minutes. Anna volunteered to do the report. Dianne to liaise with Anna.

Caring Committee Activities from past month:

- visiting elderly and sick, meals and company
- Rest Home visits and Mass by Fr's
- Mass at Unitech weekly
- taking food to Solo mother with cancer
- Anointing of the Sick Mass and cuppa
- working bee and BBQ
- Altar serving BBQ
- Fr Philip's birthday celebrations
- Foster Parents providing food, babysitting, washing, baking
- Clothing and food for Plunket family

Wanting to - hold another meeting to encourage foster carers - voted that PPC support this

Feedback: Our support system is successful and being duplicated!

- discuss with College to provide Menstruation Cups to South Auckland - voted to support Dianne to approach school

Can PPC help Dianne with making hot meals (or baking)? –

Action: has been in bulletin. Talk about it at Mass and take names of people who offer, People to contact Johanna in office for details re what size meals required and dietary requirements, distribute notices and foil trays for convenience

Is there a need for Transportation for people who would like to attend mass (sick or elderly) - need a list available, Eucharistic ministers for the sick would know who to target, Anne Nightingale may know. Liability issues with "strangers". Action - Dianne to ask Anne

4) AGM– Dianne followed up on queries. No further action required.

5) Signage - Dave Wood to help move the sign on statue of Mary

6) Baptismal font - need to replace bowl for safety issues (unable to repair further). Anna tried all glass contacts and all unable to do this job.

Custom made proving difficult - Anna has one more name to try.

Joe to try his contact.

7) Finance committee update: income for July approx. \$10,800, expenses approx. \$10,500
August not yet available

Rates bill nearly doubled - interchurch community objecting changes, submitted today, council concerned re commercial uses. Currently under review. To meet with local councilor

Roof - chasing contractors

Patrick Casey (BOT) offered Sacramental Programme support from school.

Finance Action: to encourage people to increase donations. Was delayed due to change in priests. Dianne happy to speak at all 3 masses, then follow up with email if needed? - before end of year, beginning of November?

8) To take turns for opening and closing prayers in future meetings

Next meeting: Sr Marie Therese

Minutes to be read at Mass this week: 8am - Paul, 10am - Jesse, 5:30pm - Elmira

Next Meeting: 7pm Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Meeting Closed: 8:35pm with a prayer by Elmira