

Minutes of Catholic Parish of Wellington South Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting

6.30pm Tuesday 24 October 2017 at St Anne's

Ko tātou tetahi hāpori o ngā ākonga harikoa, e whakatupu ngātahi ana, e ruia ana te karere o Hēhu Karaiti We are a community of joyful disciples growing together and sharing Christ's message

In attendance:

Stephen Neal, Joy Andersen, Penny Holden, Joe Green, John Price, Francis Fanning, Owen Lynch, John Whiting, Fr David Dowling, Fr Dennis Nacorda, Elisapeta Elama, Tracy Gundesen.

We were joined for part of the meeting by Michael Faherty from the Finance Committee.

Apologies: None

Minutes: Owen Lynch

ACTION ITEMS

Minutes #	Who	What	When	Status
5	Stephen, Fr David	Parish Day at HoC	Dec	On-going
6	Joy	Put Synod doc's on Parish website	asap	open
6	Fr David	Advertise Synod doc's in newsletter	asap	open
6	PPC	Study Synod doc's	Next meeting	open
7	PPC	Promote Stewardship Day	asap	open
8	Stephen	Reply to Social Justice Group	Next meeting	open
9	Fr David	Highlight successful planned giving campaign in the newsletter	asap	open

1. Prayer/reflection: Joe Green

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 27 September 2017, as circulated were approved.

3. Business Case for the Renovation and Reconfiguration of 150 Brougham St

Michael Faherty spoke to the business case prepared by the Finance Committee and documented as "Wellington South Parish Business Case for the Renovation and Reconfiguration of Investment Property at 150 Brougham St Mt Victoria Wellington".

Salient points:

- Renovation will cost around \$650K and should return approx. \$100K per annum.
- No ring-fenced money will be used. Costs can be met by existing funds and prudent borrowing.
- Renovations should be complete by mid-2018, premises are not fit for accommodation until then.
- The property is the parish's single biggest asset and a parish legacy so it is right to maintain custodial ownership.
- Social Housing needs were considered but direct use of the property for social housing is not considered appropriate. Income from the property may be used to subsidise housing elsewhere. Other parish properties are being considered.
- Application of the Archdiocesan Levy may affect the profitability of the project.

The council voted unanimously to endorse the business case.

4. Fr David's Sabbatical

Fr David updated us on his travels overseas and the challenging and rewarding experiences he had on his time away. He came back feeling refreshed and blessed to be living in a peaceful, stable country.

5. Leadership Team Report

Fr David, Fr Dennis and Joe Green spoke on the following items:

Recent initiatives/activities

1. Advent and Christmas liturgy planning – workshops led by Fr Patrick Bridgman and Fr Joe Grayland
2. Musicians workshops led by David Haas
3. Enhanced liturgy committee at St Francis de Sales
4. Preparations for Lectio Divina Sunday 29 October
5. New Scout Group – 2 adults have expressed interest in being leaders.

Upcoming initiatives/activities

6. Stewardship Day – Saturday 18 November – preparation is in hand.
7. Thank you gathering planned for 7pm Wednesday 29 November at St Anne's Hall
8. Gathering for seniors at Home of Compassion on Tuesday 12 December, beginning with Anointing Mass at 11am – some planning outstanding.
9. Communal Reconciliation Service planned for 7pm Wednesday 13 December at St Anne's
10. Novena Christmas Masses – approval sought for non-levied collections re. social justice initiatives
11. Altar server recruitment and training and Christmas party
12. Date set for Sacrament of Confirmation in 2018 – Saturday 9th June
13. Commissioning Day for new ministers – 1st Sunday of Advent

Work in progress

14. Parish App
15. Passionist Family Groups/Men's Group initiative
16. Training for lay led Sunday liturgy in the absence of a priest – all ready to go, just need to determine a commissioning date.
17. Parish Day at the Home of Compassion in early 2018 – waiting on feedback from HoC

6. Synod Feedback

The Synod paper "Directions and Priorities for the Archdiocese of Wellington" was discussed. Fr David advised that we should expect to receive guidance from the Archdiocese on how best to digest this information. A companion document "PRACTICAL ACTIONS to accompany the RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ARCHBISHOP Synod 2017" was circulated after the meeting. Councillors will study both documents and discuss at the next meeting. Joy will make the documents available on the Parish website. Fr David will advertise them in the newsletter.

7. Stewardship Day – Saturday 18 November

The Parish Council is hosting the event, logistics are under control. Forty invites have gone out, eighteen positive replies received. The council need to promote this more.

8. Social Justice Group feedback

Joe Green reported that that the group accepts the Finance Committee business case but would like to see the parish make more effort to address social housing concerns. Possibilities include St Bernard's presbytery and St Joseph's office. These are Fr David's responsibility and he is considering them.

The Social Justice Group wants to present policy to the Parish Council early next year and asks for advice as to the policy scope. Stephen Neal will reply to them.

9. Finance Committee Minutes

There was discussion of the Financial Report and planned giving. In summary, increases in planned giving amounts seem to be offset by a drop in overall attendance. Fr David will talk with Michael Burrowes about highlighting the successful planned giving campaign in the newsletter.

Meeting Closed 8.15 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 28 November 2017 at 6:30pm at St Anne's

Reflection for next meeting: Fr Dennis