

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

6.30pm Tuesday 27 September 2017 at St Joseph'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,

We were joined for part of the PPC meeting by Brian Tindall and representative from Scouting Wellington and Sisters from Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay. Three members of the St Joseph's community also joined us for part of the meeting.

Apologies:

Fr David Dowling, Fr Dennis Nacorda, Michael Burrowes, Elisapeta Elama, Tracy Gundersen.

1. Prayer/reflection – John Price

John shared a reading from Matthew and a reflection to begin our meeting.

2. Minutes of meetings

Draft minutes of the meeting of 22 August 2017, as circulated were approved.

3. Matters Arising

- Matters from the minutes are covered as agenda items. As we have a very full meeting ahead, some items may be carried over until the next meeting.

4. Financial / Building Upgrade

- Michael has sent his apologies but emailed through comments regards the financial statements for the Parish and noted that the collection giving had returned to expected levels compared to June and July. A projection of our finances to 31 March 2018 shows a potential loss of \$70,000 loss that the team is working to mitigate.
- He also asked that the council to consider a proposal for the upgrade of the property at 150 Brougham Street. Council members had some questions that were not able to be addressed and a meeting with the financial team will be requested. Council members are seeking clarification that the commercial case has considerations that reflect pastoral priorities and the provision of social housing. Accepting that a balance needs to be achieved between this and responsible management of assets to provide income to support other initiatives within the Parish.

5. New Scout Group

- The Parish Pastoral Council became the 'guardian' of the new Suzanne Aubert Scout Group. Scout Leader Brian Tindall received his Warrant as Group Leader

and a Certificate of Registration for the new group from Wellington Scout Zone Leader Rob Wallace at a ceremony during the PPC meeting. Also in attendance were the Zone Kea Leader and Zone Cub Leader. To endorse Brian's new endeavor were representatives of the Sisters of Compassion at Our Lady's Home of Compassion Island Bay. Sister Josephine also received the special Scouting scarf in honour of Suzanne Aubert.

The next step will be a promotion of the new group at all Parish Masses at the weekend and a search for leaders and committee members to support the new group.

6. St Joseph's Community – An overview

- Three members of the Joseph's community joined the meeting.
- The PPC were taken on a tour of the church and representatives shared the journey and story behind the development and structure of the spaces.
- The group then gave a presentation that reflected on the Past, present and Future of St Josephs and outlined the current commitments and strengths of the community.
- "We remain an intentional parish" was a theme that was repeated.
- The presentation concluded with three 'Questions for discussion'

Stephen thanked the group for coming and explained that there was not time to consider the questions however the topics raised will be covered as we address the outcomes of the Synod and during discussion on our Stewardship Day

7. Rest Home Liturgy – Terry McAuliffe

- As part of the Launch Out Training, Terry has initiated a programme for those who are able to lead a liturgy for elderly in rest homes in the parish and is seeking volunteers from the Parish communities to receive training and support to undertake this ministry. He is liaising with Joe to coordinate what is already happening in an informal way and contacting local rest homes.

8. Leadership Team Report.

- A report was received from Fr Dennis outlining recent events and upcoming activities. Proposed new initiatives in the process of being developed were also outlined and will be advertised in the weekly newsletter.

9. Updates

- **Connections between Parish and Our Lady's Home of Compassion**

A meeting has been held with representatives from HOC and members of the PPC to build on the relationship already established. Ideas were shared where we can effectively work together to support people in our community.

Specific events were identified:

- Inviting the young people to be part of hosting a Christmas function for Seniors in the Parish
- Parish Picnic and Mass at Our Lady's Home of Compassion.

- Promoting the venue for Parish activities and as a Sacred Space for times of reflection and training.
- **Synod**
By the time of our Stewardship Day, we will have received some outcomes from the Cardinal which will inform our discussions and planning for the future of the Parish
- **Stewardship Day Planning**
1:30 – 4:30pm, November 18 at St Anne’s.
A group will then process the outcomes of the discussions.
An email is to be sent to all those who attended the ‘Mass Times’ workshop to specifically invite them.
It is anticipated that a Pastoral Plan and Goals will emerge from this day.
- **20-40 Social Group**
John did not have a very good response initially however he will try again this weekend.

10. Social Housing

- An ongoing concern is to find appropriate ways to support both families from a refugee background and other families in need of support. It was seen as important that the PPC has a group to oversee housing issues and work with other agencies in this area.
- The existing tenancy has been extended as the new family is not arriving as expected. A six-week notice will be given when they need to move on and support to find appropriate alternative accommodation, which is also a challenge.
- A letter was received from Sister Rachel outlining some of the serious issues encountered when trying to find suitable housing for refugee families. She asks that we consider having more social housing available as we look to the future use of some Parish properties.

Meeting Closed 8.39pm

Next Meeting Tuesday 24 October 2017 at 6:30pm at St Anne’s

Reflection for next meeting

ACTION ITEMS 27 September 2017

Minutes #	Who	What	When	Status
4	Stephen	Meeting with Finance Committee	asap	done
7	Secretary	Advise Rest Home Liturgy Training	Newsletter	done
9	HOC Liaison	Seniors Christmas gathering	Nov	On-going
9	Secretary	Invite to Stewardship Day	asap	
10	PPC	Social Housing Group established	Next meeting	