

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

6.30pm Tuesday 24 January 2017 at St Anne's Meeting Room

*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:**

Lesley Hooper, Deirdre Hanlon, John Whiting, Joy Andersen, Penny Holden, Joe Green, John Price, Doreen O'Sullivan, Elisapeta Elama, Fr Dennis Nacorda, Michael Faherty

### **Apologies:**

Stephen Neal, Michael Burrowes, Fr David Dowling,

1. **Prayer/reflection – Joe** Green shared words from James K Baxter to begin the meeting.
  
2. **Proposal for Catholic Parish of Wellington South for Compassion Soup Kitchen Guests** – Karen Holland and Matt Petrie were welcomed to the meeting and invited to speak to the paper requesting one parish house to be made available for a long-term lease. A realistic rental agreement would be negotiated. The proposal describes how the Compassion Soup Kitchen is looking to develop the house into a home for 4 or 5 tenants, taking responsibility for providing 'housing first' and then wrap-around services and community support. The tenants will be required to sign a contract with the Compassion Soup Kitchen and be willing to use the supports offered. Training will be given to people who will form a 'befriender group' to be part of the community support for tenants.  
  
Karen & Matt were thanked for coming to talk to the PPC. After they left the meeting discussed the matter further. There was general support for the proposal and the practical implications in establishing the home are to be investigated.
  
3. **Minutes of meetings**  
With an amendment to include Stephen Neal In Attendance, and remove Elisapeta Elama as having been present, the Draft minutes of the meeting of 5 December 2016 as circulated were approved.
  
4. **Update from the Parish Leadership Team** – Fr Denis  
Points from the updates include
  - Holiday weekday Masses timetable worked well and considering implementing again after Easter when we are down to 1 priest.
  - noting the low number attending reconciliation
  - Lenten Programme established -ICPE Mission invited to participate

## 5. **Insurance Update**

A report was received from the Finance Committee regarding the current situation and outlining a directive from the Archdiocese to relook at the valuations and renewal of insurance on the church buildings.

It was confirmed that insurance will cover for the recent damage of the wall at Island Bay as a result of flooding in the area.

The Finance committee were asked to check the current situation with regards to SFDS and consider the appropriateness of cover and valuations.

## 6. **Report from Joe Green regarding SFDS church**

- An updated engineers report is needed before any decisions are made.
- A quote for these reports are being sought.
- A possibility of a Peer Review of the assessment carried out 4 years ago, is an alternative that should also be considered.
- The need for a consultation process as we progress was discussed.
- Once information has been received a detailed communication plan needs to be implemented to ensure our community is informed
- A subcommittee was established to look at the situation and consider the need for communication. Deirdre, Penny, John Whiting, Finance Committee, Leadership Team

## 7. **Parish Plan Development**

A paper from Stephen proposing a process for developing a 5-year Parish Pastoral Plan was presented. Inviting Parishioners to participate in the development by way of workshops and seeking advice from individuals and groups are seen as key. The work needs to focus on our Vision and include reference to the work and information garnered in the Transition process to becoming one Parish.

Planning for the Synod also needs to be factored in.

A Stewardship Day has been booked.

## 8. **Opportunities for people to get together.**

8.1 The first Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday March 12 at St Patrick's College in Kilbirnie. The Liturgy Committees are working on preparations for this.

8.2 Council members will visit Mass communities across the Parish prior to the First Anniversary Mass. This will increase our understanding of the different communities and help with our visibility in the communities. A schedule will be drawn up and circulated.

## 9. **New Mass Times**

The management Team and Parish Leadership Team are working on the details of implementing the changes which become effective after the First Anniversary Mass.

**10. Council Building**

A new member is required for our PPC with the retirement of Leslie Hooper. A notice needs to go in the Newsletter advising parishioners of the vacancy. This meeting is the last meeting for Leslie as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Leslie also served as the Co-Chair of the Transition Team as we moved from 4 Parishes to become the Catholic Parish of Wellington South. Leslie was thanked for her generosity in sharing her time, wisdom and input in so many aspects of our Parish life. She will be missed.

**11. General Business**

11.1 House at St Joseph's rented to former Refugees. The current occupants have been there for 2 years. Community support to help them move on to a new place and free the house for a new family is needed.

11.2 Olive trees at St Josephs – There is no system in place to manage or harvest the trees which are producing plenty of olives. Allowing the harvesting of them would provide an opportunity to support a new initiative by one of the refugee families and avoid the waste of seeing them rotting on the ground. The meeting supported the idea, with the approval of the St Joseph's community.

11.3 St Bernard's no longer have a group providing live music during Mass. It was suggested that we look at developing a Parish wide plan.

**12. Reflection for the next meeting - Deirdre**

**Meeting Closed 8.45pm**

**Next Meeting Tuesday 28 February 2017 at 6:30pm at St Anne's.**

**Actions 24 January 2017**

Item	Who	What	Status
2	Finance Committee	Practicalities re Soup Kitchen Proposal – availability and rental arrangements	
5	Finance Committee	Current valuations and Insurance status of SFDS	
6	Subcommittee	SFDS Building Subcommittee established to meet and consider situation	
7	Stephen	Parish Plan Development Workshops	
8.1	Team	Anniversary Mass Update	
8.2	Deirdre	Council visits to all Parish churches schedule	
10	?	Note for Newsletter re council vacancy	
11.3	?	Parish Plan for Music in our churches	