



The Catholic Parish of Napier
Te Pārihi Katorika ki Ahuriri

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday 13th March 2016

St Mary's Hall, 2.45 – 4.30pm

Present: Andrew Cowan, Colleen Fouhy, Elly Govers, Kaye Lafferty, Craig Lewis, Nui O'Malley, Keryn Powell, Clare Shirkey, Ruth Smithies, Fr Paul Byers sm, Fr Peter Head sm, Chris Marwick (part of meeting)

1. Welcome to Fr Paul, Chris Marwick

Elly welcomed both Fr Paul and Chris.

2. Faith Sharing: Nui

Nui led us in a sharing of today's reading

3. Chris Marwick: his role as Youth Co-ordinator

Chris shared with us what he has been doing so far, and the direction he intends to move in (see attached notes).

4. Approval of Minutes of PPC Meeting 29 Nov 2015

Moved by Elly, seconded Kaye. Passed.

5. Matters arising from Minutes

Formation meeting: on agenda

Review of job descriptions: underway, will be finished on Wednesday this week.

Finance committee minutes: Jonathan keen to get our feedback on the new format

Material from the first formation meeting: everybody has a copy.

Meeting dates have been notified, meetings in hall except for next month

No other matters arising

6. Correspondence: Inward:

A letter regarding the safety of priests was tabled. Fr Peter will consult with the priests and report back. There was a general discussion on the health and safety legislation. Parish representatives will be going to a seminar on the new changes. The topic will be on the agenda at every meeting.

Outward: none

7. Progress for strategic planning (Fr Peter)

Members gave feedback on the second formation meeting. Elly, Rhondda and Fr Peter met and discussed the next step. The suggested working party was considered not representative of the full leadership structure, and also too large. Fr Peter felt it was more appropriate that the group consist of the chairs of each of the leadership teams: Elly, Jonathan, MaryAnne Pay (Liturgy), Fr Paul (for the staff), Julia Johnson for schools. Elly to be the chair. First meeting on 3rd April, with Fr Peter and Rhondda also present - Rhondda will give the group guidelines for the group on what needs to be done and how this could be done. Andrew noted that communication with the parish is crucial. The first step in this will be taken on 15th May - Pentecost Sunday. At this stage the parish is unaware we're working on mission and vision. This meeting would, at the least, tell them that. 15th May will also be the parish AGM, and may therefore perhaps be a bit of a social event – first anniversary.

8. Year of Mercy (Fr Peter)

During Lent, there has been emphasis on reconciliation and adoration. This has been very positive, we will look at repeating something similar during Lent in future. However, nothing is currently organized for the Year of Mercy post-Lent. Fr Peter is asking for some assistance for what we do for the rest of the Year of Mercy.

Suggestions:

Exposition once a month, at one of the churches, after Sunday Mass.

Give a Sunday/weekend to St Vincent de Paul – focus on them, push membership, promote what they do. Ask them to let us know what they do, talk about some of the lesser-known aspects. Work with St VdP – set a date. It is important that St VdP take ownership. Pilgrimage.

We're to ask parishioners what they want for the Holy Year.

9. Adult education and formation

Margaret von Hartitzsch has this in her portfolio. The course **Understanding Church by the TCI** starts on 2nd April. Another course planned to be held in Napier has been cancelled due to lack of enrolment.

Suggestions:

A refresher of faith.

Catholic Social Teaching, Social Justice: at least once a year. Get the young people to pick up a social issue and drive it for the year, weave that into the fabric of what's happening.

Café-style videos.

Ted-talks.

Elly will discuss with Margaret.

10. Information and reports from leadership groups:

Finance Committee reports January and February 2016. Jonathan has chosen a different format for his reports to us. We are happy with that format. We need to know what investments we have, what is in Diocesan Development Fund, what are the tagged funds.

Fr Peter noted that the new liturgy committee is meeting. They will be sending similar reports, as will the Parish staff. Our minutes are not sent to these committees but they are on the website, so everyone has access to them.

11.Membership of the PPC: replacement for Alastair

There was a general discussion on the PPC vacancy. Suggestions included that the seat remain empty of a permanent member and a different person each month be invited to address a particular issue on the agenda. Elly asked that members think of the various options discussed. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

General business:

Ruth: there are lots of groups operating in the parish. Is it possible to have a little handout which lists all the groups involved, with a bit of information about each and a contact number. Elly will take this to Margaret. Ruth willing to help. Clare can type it up.

Elly distributed a procedure and timeframe for PPC meeting preparation and conclusion.

Faith sharing for next meeting: Keryn

Keryn said a closing prayer.