

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH KIPPAX
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
11 April 2013.

Present: Rebecca Jeffreys (Chair), Fr. Gerard McCormick MSC, Fr. Alfin Buarlele MSC, Eman Basheer, Toni Cox, Larissa Davis, Marian England, Tom Halloran, Ann Reynolds, Margaret Sheehan, Sabina Van Rooy. Joe Barr (minutes).

Agenda Item 1 ***Opening and Welcome***

Rebecca Jeffreys opened the meeting and welcomed Council members.

Agenda Item 2 ***Opening Prayer and Statement***

The Opening Liturgy was led by Sabina Van Rooy. Next Meeting, Joe Barr

Agenda Item 3 ***Apologies***

Apologies: Stephanie Cox, Matthew Egan-Richards, Peter Iggoe-Taylor, Luan Nguyen,

Agenda item 4 ***Minutes of the Previous Meeting***

a. Acceptance of Minutes

Proposed: Larissa Davis. **Seconded:** Toni Cox.

b. Business arising from the Minutes.

Bookstall Management. Marian advised that, after discussion with Brian Green, advertising for a new Bookstall Manager had been delayed until later in the year after the busy period of Easter and the Assembly.

Agenda item 5 ***Correspondence***

Out. None

In. From the MSC Parishes Committee re Lay Formation. A course will be held on the first weekend in October for people between 25 and 50 who are prepared to take up roles and ministries in parishes. Cost will be \$500 per nominee. Costs for one or two candidates will be met by the parish. It was agreed that PPC members would wait until the next meeting as the Assembly may identify particular parish needs and endeavours should be made to nominate people available to meet such needs.

Agenda Item 6 ***Reports submitted***

None

Agenda Item 7 ***Ongoing Business***

PPC Formation. It was agreed to hold a PPC Formation Evening on Thursday 27 June starting at 5.30 pm (for a 5.45 start) with a two hour facilitated formation session followed by dinner to enable members to get to know each other better. Main course will be provided by the parish. PPC members are asked to bring desserts!

Toilet Renovations. Marian England reviewed the results of the September 2012 meeting about toilets and subsequent discussions by parishioners with relevant expertise and with builders. The latter had agreed that the suggested costs for building to the existing plan were reasonable in the present climate while it was agreed by parishioners that they were too high for the parish to bear.

Subsequently the plans were discussed between Marian and Eman who prepared a simplified plan that she presented to the PPC. This revises the current Ladies and Gents toilets, making them smaller and providing space between them for a new disabled/baby change toilet. The cost is likely to be significantly lower. The PPC considered that the new plan meets the needs and agreed a process under which it will be discussed with those who attended the previous meeting then displayed in the foyer for a short period for other parishioners to comment. If required there may then be another short meeting before the project goes ahead. Meanwhile Marian will investigate possible grants and Eman will explore the planning and other approvals required. It was agreed that the project needs to go ahead as a matter of urgency.

Agenda Item 8	On-going business
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Parish Assembly. About 80 parishioners had attended the Session 1 of the Parish Assembly on 7 April. It was generally agreed that there had been good cross-sectional representation, enthusiastic participation and a real sense of community among participants. The outline of a Parish plan is expected to emerge from the next session on 14 April but one point that had received attention from many of the working groups was the need for closer relations between the Parish and St John’s School. Eman also pointed out the lack of young people attending and PPC members discussed whether there might be a need for a Young People’s Assembly at a later date to encourage their participation in parish activities.

Agenda Item 9	Other business
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Archdiocesan Levy. Marian undertook to ask the Archdiocese whether it is yet in a position to reveal how the Archdiocesan Levy, a significant portion of the parish budget, is allocated.

Social Program. Toni Cox forecast the following Parish social activities:

7 June Feast of the Sacred Heart

25 August Food and Music Day

She is also exploring whether to organise a Pot-Luck dinner to celebrate “Christmas in July”.

Next meeting: Thursday 11 April at 7.30 pm.
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The Meeting closed with a prayer at 9:00 pm.