

St John the Apostle Catholic Community

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere Loved.....Forever!



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2013.

Present: Rebecca Jeffreys (Chair), Larissa Davis, Eman Basheer, Fr Gerard McCormick msc, Marian England, Luan Nguyen, Ann Reynolds, Margaret Sheehan, Fr Alfin Buarlele msc, Sabina Van Rooy, Robert Breen (minutes).

Agenda Item 1 - Opening and Welcome.

Rebecca Jeffreys opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

Agenda Item 2 - Opening Prayer.

Sabina Van Rooy led the opening liturgy.

Agenda Item 3 – Apologies.

Apologies were received from Stephanie Cox and Toni Cox.

Agenda item 4 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

4a. Acceptance of the Minutes – Moved Sabina Van Rooy, seconded Ann Reynolds, Carried.

4b. Business arising from the Minutes – Nil.

Agenda Item 5 – Correspondence.

Out: Nil.

In: Nil.

Agenda Item 6 – On Going Business.

Toilet Renovation. Marian England reported there have been some minor problems and incidences but progress is satisfactory – sample tiles are available for inspection. Fr McCormick stated there had been some disagreement with the project and encouraged support for the activity. He had addressed the matter in an article in *Compact*. General discussion followed.

Parish Pastoral Plan.

1.2 Revitalizing Neighbourhood Communities: Marian England stated there was some support for a change of name to reflect a shift in emphasis. She tabled a draft letter by John Drury to new arrivals in areas for use by neighbourhood group leaders. The Council endorsed the letter.

2.2 Review of way the sacraments of Christian Initiation are celebrated: Fr McCormick described the current procedures and their shortcomings. Discussion led to agreement that the matter be left to him to manage.

PPC Nominations and Elections.

The planned addresses to parishioners at masses on 1 September had not occurred. Nominations for the PPC need to be received in November. PPC members, Luan Nguyen, Margaret Sheehan, Rebecca Jeffreys and Eman Basheer will retire. Sabina Van Rooy offered to remain on the Council ex-officio.

It was agreed the masses of 3 November will be addressed. Fr McCormick will draft a speech to be delivered by Tom Halloran – Sat 6.00 PM, Rebecca Jeffreys– 8.30 AM, Sabina Van Rooy – 10.00 AM, and Stephanie Cox – 6.00 PM.

Agenda Item 7- New Business.

Tony Neylan – Small Scripture Study Groups. These have been conducted in some Sydney parishes; they are endorsed by Fr Michael Fallon. The Council agreed they should be considered for the 2014 program.

Calendar Dates for the Parish. The need to prevent clashes with school programs was noted. Marian distributed a draft calendar for comment. Sabina suggested it include a statement that persons requiring more detail should refer to the parish's website.

Commissioning Ministries – Pentecost. It was suggested this topic should address all ministries.

Social Justice Workshop – 21 September. Four members of the parish are expected to attend the workshop which will be held at the Southern Cross Club

Memorial Mass to Fr Harry Morrissey. Saturday 28 September, 10.00 AM, morning tea afterwards to be arranged by Rebecca.

Children's Mass 3rd Sunday of the Month. Council discussed arrangements including the training of children. Rebecca described her past involvement in the organization and training of students and offered to continue.

Melbourne Youth Festival – 1 September. Reflecting on this activity Marian noted that all large archdioceses are arranging youth festivals and wondered whether a Canberra youth weekend might be possible.

Belconnen Regional Parishes Council Dinner. St Francis Xavier College, Thursday 31 October, 6.30 PM, \$30/head, catering by SFX students. Those planning to attend include Larissa, Eman, Rebecca, Margaret, Ann, Alfin and Sabina. Sabina will co-ordinate, moneys to Marian who will advise SFX.

Record of Sympathy. The Council recorded its deepest sympathy to Luan Nguyen for the death of hers mother.

Agenda Item 8 – Closure and Next Meeting. The meeting closed at 9.30 PM with the next meeting being scheduled for Thursday 14 November commencing at 7.30 PM.

Robert Breen
Minutes Secretary.

28 September 2013