

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH KIPPAX  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
8 August 2013.

**Present:** Eman Basheer, Fr. Alfin Buarlele msc, Marian England, Rebecca Jefferys (Chair), Fr. Gerard McCormick msc, Ann Reynolds, Margaret Sheehan, Sabina Van Rooy.

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

Rebecca Jefferys opened the meeting and welcomed Council members.

***Agenda Item 2*** | ***Opening Prayer***

The Opening Liturgy was led by Ann Reynolds. Next Meeting, Sabina Van Rooy.

***Agenda Item 3*** | ***Apologies***

**Apologies:** Stephanie Cox, Toni Cox, Larissa Davis, Luan Nguyen, Matthew Egan-Richards.

The following members have resigned from the Council: Tom Halloran and Peter Igoe-Taylor.

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

**Acceptance of Minutes**

**Proposed:** Sabina Van Rooy. **Seconded:** Margaret Sheehan.

**Business arising from the Minutes.**

**Parish Assembly – presentation to the parish after each mass.** The presentations were well received with quiet a lot of people remaining after mass. Gerard gave the presentation after the two evening masses and Joe Barr gave the presentation after the 8:30am and 10:00am.

***Agenda item 5*** | ***Correspondence***

**Out.** Sympathy card to Toni Cox.

**In.**

***Agenda Item 6*** | ***Ongoing Business***

**Toilet Renovation.**

The toilet renovation is due to commence on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September and should be completed by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. The first two weeks of the project is the demolition period and during that time morning mass will be celebrated in the library.

Marian advised that the application for a \$30,000 government grant through the ACT Government 2013-14 Community Support and Infrastructure Grants was submitted on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

**Hospitality Ministry:** Hospitality is important and it is more than just saying hello. Hospitality has many forms and each parishioner needs to be aware of the other. Hospitality is a reaching out. At

the moment the Acolytes stand in the foyer and hand out the Compact greeting people as they come to mass. As they have a few duties to fulfil before mass it isn't always convenient for them to do this. We need to identify people with the gifts for welcoming and reaching out with a view to developing a Ministry of Hospitality.

### **Parish Pastoral Plan.**

There are two priorities that are the current focus of implementing the Parish Pastoral Plan.

### **Priority Area 1. Building Community Priority**

**Priority 1.2** Maintaining and growing relationships (including frequent and varied Get togethers).

Strategy: Revitalise the Neighbourhood Community Groups.

Leaders from the Neighbourhood Community Groups met on Sunday 4 August.

The meeting unanimously agreed that Neighbourhood Communities is a model of being parish which is worth doing but needs some definition.

The following points were identified:

- Clarity of Role
- What is expected of the leaders
- Some leaders feel isolated
- Improved communication [i.e.] regular updated print outs]
- Process [define the process of what the Neighbourhood Groups do].
- Regular meetings of leaders in Suburb groups.

It was agreed that a small group would meet to discuss and look at the way forward for Neighbourhood Communities. John & Della O'Heir along with John Drury volunteered to be part of this group and will meet with Gerard and Marian on a day and time still to be decided.

Fr. Alfin shared with the Pastoral Council the Indonesian experience of parish communities.

### **Priority Area 2. Prayer and Worship**

**PRIORITY 2.2:** Develop more welcoming, inclusive, and participatory celebrations, especially Sunday Eucharist.

Strategy - Review the way in which the sacraments of Christian initiation are celebrated

A task group will review the policies and procedures for sacraments of Christian initiation. They will

also research: Church documents

How other parishes celebrate the sacraments.

The time frame is to have something to report by Advent 2013.

## **Agenda Item 7**

## **Other business**

### **PPC Elections.**

There was a proposal to change the nomination time for the PPC to half way through the year rather than at the end of the year. This would allow new members of the PPC to settle into the Council before the New Year. It was agreed that members of the Pastoral Council would talk at all the masses on 1 September to promote membership and the process of nomination. It was further agreed that all the presenters will give the same talk which Gerard will write.

**Youth:**

There was a suggestion put forward that we have a Youth Assembly – capitalising on WYD. It was further suggested that we look at forming a Youth Ministry Team.

It was suggested that we identify a youth in the parish and send them to The Australian Catholic Festival to be held in Melbourne 5-7 December. The all inclusive cost of travel and accommodation is \$695.00 if paid before 1 September 2013.

**PPC Minutes Secretary:**

It was agreed that we would put an ad in Compact advertising for a minute's secretary to replace Joe Barr.

**Coffee Club:**

It was suggested that Coffee Club be advertised in Compact.

The Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 12 September 2013 7:30 pm