

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH KIPPAX
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
14 November 2013.

Present: Eman Basheer, Fr. Alfin Buarlele msc, Stephanie Cox, Larissa Davis, Marian England, Rebecca Jefferys (Chair), Fr. Gerard McCormick msc, Luan Nguyen, 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 Marian England.

Agenda Item 3 | ***Apologies***

Apologies: Toni Cox, Rob Breen.

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

Acceptance of Minutes

Proposed: Sabina Van Rooy. **Seconded:** Ann Reynolds.

Business arising from the Minutes.

4.a **Children's mass 3rd Sunday of the month:** Joan Breen and Helen Dodds responded to the ad in Compact looking for a conductor and musician to develop a parish children's choir. Rebecca reported that she had spoken with Carol Cummins who had previously expressed an interest in the choir. It was suggested that a meeting of all interested parties be organised with a view to looking at the best way to proceed in getting the choir up and running. The situation of finding a replacement choir director and musician highlights that there are ongoing issues with the availability of musicians and keyboard players in the parish.

4b **2014 Parish Calendar:**

A copy of the Calendar was not available for the meeting. Major events for 2014 [see item 7b.] along with meeting dates of the different groups of the parish will be included in the calendar. The Calendar will be made available in print form as well as on the web.

Agenda item 5 | ***Correspondence***

Out.

In.

A kit advertising the course Faith and Catholic Theology (FaCT) The Course consists of four 12 week terms. Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology. (30772Qld)
Course Fee structure:

- Working Professionals (funded by employer): \$4000 for the full course fee or \$1000 per course module (Enquire with your supervisor for funding eligibility).
- Individuals: \$3200 for the full course fee or \$800 per course module
- Catholic Volunteers: \$1000 for the full course fee or \$250 per course module (To qualify for this Archdiocesan subsidised course fee, a letter of endorsement is required from your Parish Priest).
- Plus Administration fee of \$200 non-refundable for all course applicants

Program commences 8 February 2014.

Information night Wednesday 4 December 2013.

Agenda Item 6 | **Ongoing Business**

6a. Toilet Renovation.

Council members took 5 minutes out of the meeting to look at the renovation project. The major infrastructure of the toilet renovation has been completed which leaves the tiling and painting etc still to be done. The project is 2 weeks behind schedule and is scheduled for completion at the end of November.

6b. 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 of Neighbourhood Community groups are scheduled to meet on Friday 22 November for end of year drinks. This will also include a follow up from the 4 August meeting.

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

The review group is scheduled to meet on 25 November.

6c. PPC Information night

There have been 21 names put forward to attend the information and discernment session on Thursday 21 November. The names were shared between Rebecca, Ann and Steph who will contact the nominee and invite them to attend the information night.

Agenda Item 7 | **New business**

7a. Major Events for 2014

The events listed below are projects and liturgies that have been identified for 2014. These events will be incorporated into the parish calendar. The "Prayer Explosion" on 22 February responds to priority 2 of the pastoral Plan.

2. Prayer and Worship



Promote, support and resource existing prayer groups and foster the establishment of new groups.

Strategy: 2.1a

Further extend awareness and involvement in a variety of prayer experiences.

Season	Event	Date
Beginning of the year	Annual group reports to the parish	17 February
Before Lent	Prayer Explosion [experience of prayer]	22 February
Lent	Liturgy of Forgiveness	March 2014
Pentecost	Liturgy Conference - ministries	17 th May
	Liturgy of Healing	June
Mary MacKillop Feast	Celebrating Women in the Parish	10 August
Social Justice Sunday	Liturgy of Social Justice	September
End of liturgical year?	Environment - Theology of Ecology	November

Agenda Item 8	Additional business
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8a. Belconnen Regional Council dinner

Sabina reported on the dinner and the talk on human trafficking given by Sr. Jenny Ryan. As a result of the talk the Social Justice Group will raise the educational aspect of fair trade and human trafficking.

8b. Extraordinary Synod of Bishops 2014

Pope has called for views of Catholics on the family. The Archdiocese has made available online the consultation survey. www.cg.catholic.org.au/synod2014 Responses are required by 6 December 2013.

8c. Christmas dinner/meeting

It had been decided that our end of year dinner wouldn't happen this year. Normally our Christmas meeting would be on 12 December 2013. However that evening clashes with Carols by Candlelight at the school. Also the following week on Thursday 19th December we will have Gerard's celebration of his 25th anniversary as a presbyter. It was suggested that at the first meeting in February we would have a dinner that welcomes the new members and farewells the retiring members.

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