

St John the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council



| MINUTES

Meeting date | time 12 February 2015 – 7:30 pm

Meeting location Parish Library

Chair Sabina Van Rooy

Minutes Secretary In Rob Breen's absence Marian England will take the minutes

Attendees

Henri Clementine, Tracy Donnellan, Marian England, Helen Kennedy, Carl Madsen, Gerard McCormick msc, Kathy Teys, Sabina Van Rooy.

1. OPENING AND WELCOME:

The meeting opened at 7:35pm.

2. APOLOGIES:

Agnes Pham, Angela Pisciotta, Rob Breen.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

Out:

In: Bert Broekhuysen [members were given a copy of this correspondence and asked to read it before the next meeting and consider the proposal]

4. MINUTES

o Business arising:

- o Hospitality
- o Lay Leadership
- o Assembly with the focus on ministry & leadership
- o Neighbourhood groups
- o Pastoral care

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic 5 | Article for Reflection: *Make Church Matter: So What's our Mission* |

Time allotted | 15 mins | Presenter: Marian

Discussion:

The following points were made during the discussion.

- The last – going out to the margins
- Evangelisation

- Renew ourselves, starts with the core group
- Working out how to do it.
- Nurturing ourselves and others
- Relationship with God

Agenda topic 6 | Prayer: 1Cor. 9:16-23 | Time allotted | 15 mins |

Presenter Gerard

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Discussion:

Agenda topic 7 | New Business:

i. PPC Membership

Discussion: The Council currently has only seven elected members. Each member was asked to give consideration to who may be interested in joining the PPC.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
PPC Nominations	Each member	

ii Evangelisation

Evangelisation – to be a focus for 2015. The three M's of the weekend mass Ministry – Music _Message. Part of Evangelisation is Hospitality.

Discussion:

- Parish to look at Hospitality Ministry and call for volunteers. Create a roster for each mass.
- Part of the ministry will be handing out Compact at the beginning of mass and greeting people.
- We will look at formation and training for the ministry.

Appeal at mass for volunteers for the Hospitality Ministry

Action items

Person responsible Deadline

iii Calendar

Dates and Events for 2015 Calendar

- 12 March – Open PPC meeting
Annual Finance Report to Parish
PPC focus for 2015
- Review of Pastoral Plan – 14 May 2015
- Ministry End of Year thank you BBQ – 22 November 2015
- Acknowledge and celebrate the different cultures in our Parish. Organise an event [Family Day] that celebrates who we are as a parish and our cultural diversity.
- Anointing of the Sick mass will be celebrated a couple of times during the year with a focus on the housebound attending the mass and being anointed. This mass will no longer be celebrated on the 1st Saturday of the Month.

iv Parish Ministry

Time & Talent will go out during lent in the month of March. Look at developing a handout on ministries.

v Sanctuary Alterations

The design of the Sanctuary alterations still need to be completed. Gerard and Marian will meet with the Architect Eman and Ziad and Wali from Establish builders.

Agenda topic 8 **New Business:** | **Leaving Appeals**

Time allotted | 15 mins | Presenter Sigrid Kropp

There had been a suggestion put forward that we have a leaving collection for drought effected Walgett. The general consensus that as February is dedicated to The St Vincent de Paul doorknock that we wouldn't have leaving collections during February.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm

Next meeting will be an open meeting on Thursday 15 March 2015