

St John the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council



| MINUTES

Meeting date | time 16 April 2015 – 7:30 pm

Meeting location *Parish Library*

Chair	Gerard McCormick msc	Attendees
Minutes Secretary	In Rob Breen's absence Marian England will take the minutes	Henri Clementine, Marian England, Helen Kennedy, Carl Madsen, Gerard McCormick msc,

1. OPENING AND WELCOME:

In Sabina' absence Gerard chaired the meeting.

The meeting opened at 7:35pm with prayer.

2. APOLOGIES:

Agnes Pham, Angela Pisciotta, Rob Breen, Sabina Van Rooy, Kathy Teys, Tracy Donnellan.

3. CORRESPONDENCE:

Out:

In:

4. MINUTES

- o **Business arising:**

Correspondence from Bert Broekhuysse

The Council discussed Bert's proposal "Putting Christ back into Christmas". The Council agreed that the proposal had many merits, however felt that this wasn't an initiative that the parish would undertake in 2015. Fr. Gerard will advise Bert of the Council's decision.

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic 5 | Prayer: A reading from the Gospel of Luke |

Time allotted | 15 mins | Presenter: Gerard

Discussion:

Agenda topic 6

i. Twilight Retreat

This retreat would be for members of the Parish Pastoral Council and parishioners interested in joining the Council.

Discussion:

Fr. Paul Browne would present the Prayerful Discernment method as devised by Fr. Brian Gallagher msc.

ii Ministry Review Groups

This review involves looking at developing leadership within the various Ministry Groups.

Discussion:

Develop a discussion paper: A proposed dynamic for organizing ministry for the parish.

Gerard presented a proposed model for the structure on Parish Ministry along with a flow chart on parish leadership and ministries. [refer attached documents.]

It is proposed to invite members of the different ministries to a meeting. Date of meeting to be decided.....perhaps June/July.

iii Pastoral Plan Review

Some time was spent discussing the 2013-2016 Parish Pastoral Plan

Discussion:

It was proposed to hold the annual review of the Parish Pastoral Plan on 16 August at 3:00pm.

iv Focus for 2015

Highlighting the Ministry of Hospitality as part of the 2015 Focus.

Discussion:

Discussion revolved around Evangelisation as the focus for 2015. As discussed at the February meeting Hospitality is embedded in Evangelisation and hospitality and concentrating on how we welcome people to the Sunday Liturgy will be central to this focus. There was a good response to the appeal at mass for people to join the hospitality ministry so the next stage is formation and training for the ministry.

Agenda topic 7 | Liturgical Space- Sanctuary Project:

Update on the Sanctuary Project.

Discussion:

Gerard, Eman and Marian met with Ziad, Wali and Joshua from Established Builders on 20 February. Established Builders will project manager the restructure of the Sanctuary. They have offered Ziad's and Wali's expertise as a donation we will be charged for Joshua's time as the project manager.

The Architect drawings still need to be completed before the project can progress.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

Next meeting will be an open meeting on Thursday 14 May 2015

