

# 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 10 SEPTEMBER 2015.

**Present:** Sabina Van Rooy (Chair), Fr Gerard McCormick, Marian England, Henri Clementine, Carl Madsen, Fr Paul Browne, Helen Kennedy, Robert Breen (minutes).

### **Agenda Item 1 - Opening and Welcome.**

Sabina opened the meeting, welcomed those attending and read the Council's Mission Statement.

### **Agenda Item 2 – Apologies.**

Nil..

### **Agenda Item 3 – Correspondence**

**Out:** Sabina confirmed that the letter to Bert Broekhouse co-signed by her and Fr Gerard regarding his proposal to “Welcome Christ into Christmas”, had been sent as agreed at the August meeting.

**In:** A widely distributed email from Bert dated 5 September 2015, responding to the co-signed letter and seeking responses to his proposal involving contributions to selected charities at Christmas. Henri advised he had responded to the email explaining Council's approach to the proposal. Fr Gerard stated he also had responded to Bert along similar lines.

A letter from the Archbishop's office seeking the nomination of dates for confirmation events in 2016. The dates of 11, 19 and 26 May were chosen.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Minutes**

The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Moved Helen Kennedy, seconded Henri Clementine, that the minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting. CARRIED.

#### **4a. Business arising from the minutes**

**Sanctuary Project.** Responding to Henri's query regarding "uncertainty" about the builders quote as described in the August meeting, Fr Gerard explained this centred on the material to be used for the sanctuary steps. The material Corian (a solid surface material composed of acrylic polymer and alumina trihydrate manufactured by DuPont USA) had been proposed to provide the special look desired but this was found to be expensive. Marian stated that carpet was suggested but is considered to be "what we already have". Options such as special wood use are being examined. The desire is to create a sanctuary structure that is appropriate to the very special nature of the area. The delay in the resolution of this issue may cause the planned starting date for the project (21 September) to be slipped.

**Children's Liturgy.** Fr Gerard advised that the planned meeting of the small group comprising of Helen Druett, a representative of the "downstairs liturgy" people, and the Religious Education Coordinator (REC) from the school to put together a policy document for children's liturgy, had been "postponed". The Children's Choir had rehearsed that afternoon with great enthusiasm all members being keen to sing the cantor. Marian reported first communion practice had occurred the day before with 35 children being involved (the highlight of which may have been the involvement of the non-Catholic children in Reconciliation practice!) The first group will receive communion on Saturday 12 September followed by groups on 19 and 20 September.

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#### **AGENDA**

##### **Agenda Item 5 – Prayer**

Sabina led the prayer section of the meeting by reading Psalm 1:48 "Praise the Lord". A period of silence followed during which members reflected on the passage.

##### **Agenda Item 6 – Business.**

###### Response to Twilight Retreat

Fr Paul distributed a paper containing the prioritised elements the Twilight Retreat paper considered at the last meeting. At his suggestion members prioritised the new lists and passed them back to him for further collation and presentation at the next meeting. Henri opined the refining of the listings to be "a good process".

###### Review of Pastoral Plan

Marian distributed a Pastoral Plan document which will form the basis of the review of the plan which will, occur in conjunction with the review of groups on Sunday 20 September, 2 – 4 PM; The format of the meeting was discussed, Sabina will meet with Marian (Wednesday 17 September 9.00 AM) to plan the event and its format which Fr Gerard suggested be kept simple. Available members will assemble at

1.30 PM on Sunday 20 September to set up the downstairs room before the meeting.

### **Other Matters**

Future PPC Membership. Marian raised the question of PPC membership for the forthcoming year and invited members to prayer on the matter. Sabina indicated she would be standing down from the Council at the end of the year. Carl, Henri and Helen stated a willingness to continue. Henri suggested potential members be invited to a Council meeting to see how things are done. Helen opined that 2 to 3 more members are needed. It was agreed the matter should be “given a plug” at the 20 September Review meeting.

Thanks to Parish Volunteer Workers. Sabina noted that this event occurred last year during the Feast of Christ the King and suggested the same be done this year. It was agreed this should occur on Sunday 22 November and take the form of a pot-luck lunch at which the Council will provide the drinks which Marian will “arrange”. Fr Gerard emphasized the importance of the social activities of the parish.

### **Closure and Next Meeting.**

In closing the meeting at 8.45 PM, Sabina led members in the recital of the silver card text “The Word”, Jules Chevalier, 1900.

The **next meeting** of the Council is scheduled for **Thursday 8 October 2015 commencing at 7.30 PM.**

**Robert Breen**  
**Minutes Secretary.**

**11 September 2015**