

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
HELD IN THE LIBRARY ON THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2016.**

Present: Carl Madsen (Chair), Marian England, Leilah Ayton, Helen Kennedy, Henri Clementine, Timothy Gill, Fr Gerard McCormick, Robert Breen (minute secretary).

Agenda Item 1 – Opening and Welcome.

Carl welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

Agenda Item 2 – Apologies. Stephanie Stewart.

Agenda Item 3 – Prayer.

To set the scene Marian played a contemplative CD on the audio system and distributed papers entitled *Mission Statement, MSC Constitution and Statutes and Your Heart on Earth*. Members read these documents and shared their thoughts arising from the readings.

Carl undertook to prepare the prayer for the next PPC meeting.

Agenda Item 4 – Correspondence.

There was no correspondence.

Agenda Item 5 – Minutes.

Moved Leilah Ayton, seconded Timothy Gill that the minutes of the July 2016 meeting of the Council be accepted. CARRIED.

5a, Business Arising from the Minutes.

Parish meeting of all groups – Annual Meeting? Fr Gerard gave a potted history of the meeting and advised that the meeting had not been held this year and it was probably too late to hold it now. He opined the meeting should be held regularly and be open to all parishioners. Council agreed setting the date for the next event as Sunday 12 February 2017 after the 10.00 am mass. Leilah undertook to organize a BBQ; the event will be an "Open Parish Meeting" and will be advertised in *Compact*.

Draft Policy – Children’s role in liturgy – Completed. Members noted Attachment A to the minutes of the last meeting, the “Policy on Children’s in the Liturgy” document.

Parish Pastoral Plan – Building Community. Marian reported she had advertised for persons interested in joining a committee focused on “Building Community” part of the Pastoral Plan and had received two responses. She will advertise again in *Compact* with the view of attracting at least two more people to the committee.

Planned Giving/Stewardship appeal – 31 July 2016. Marian reported that 65 people had responded to John Drury’s appeal at masses on 31 July 31 of which had returned completed forms with a net result of \$13000 addition to the parish’s annual income from planned giving. Should all 65 respond similarly, the net gain will be in the order of \$23000 per annum.

Deanery Assembly – 12, 13 August. Carl advised he will attending this function.

Agenda item 6 – Business:

Belconnen Region Parishes – Submission to Archbishop. Marian reported on her attendance to a recent meeting of the parishes amalgamation committee at which she had sought to have the submission of the committee’s report to the Archbishop, delayed. She had been outvoted and the report will be submitted on the planned date. Discussion led to agreement that another letter should be sent to the Archbishop re-enforcing the parish’s position as previously stated. It was also agreed that a letter be sent to the MSC Provincial on behalf of parish members seeking a firm commitment to Kippax as an MSC parish for the foreseeable future. Council agreed that a parish meeting be held on the topic to explain to those attending the situation regarding the amalgamation proposal and to seek endorsement of two letters to be sent, one to the Archbishop - drafted by Tim - and one to the MSC Provincial - drafted by Fr Gerard. Tim agreed to facilitate the meeting to a format agreed between him, Carl, Marian and Fr Gerard.

Welcome to new parishioners. Fr Gerard expressed the need for a regular function to welcome new parishioners. Options were discussed and Friday 11 November settled on as the day for the event which will be hosted by the PPC.

Closure and Next Meeting.

Carl closed the meeting with the recital of the silver card text “The Word”, Jules Chevalier, 1900.

The **next meeting** of the Council is scheduled for **Thursday 8 September 2016 commencing at 7.30 PM.**

Robert Breen
Minute Secretary

12 August 2016.