

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

18 October 2016

7:00PM

Parish Centre Modbury

Minutes taken by: Fr Manu

Timekeeper: No-one

1. Prayer & Welcome

In the absence of Carolyn Therese Meyers chaired the meeting. She welcomed members and Betty Roper led the prayer

2. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees: Father Manu, Therese Meyers, Paul Haydon, Marie Haydon, Jeni O'Neill, Michael Flavel, Leonard Gan, John Jarrad, Helen Podgorski, Betty Roper, Graham Speed, Angela Coon

Apologies: Carolyn Ost, Anna Neave, Arnold Callado, Rony Abraham, Louella Walker

3. Standing Items

3.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes moved as accepted by Betty Roper and seconded by Graham Speed

3.2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes (not listed in new business)

On 25th of October the meeting with Gleeson and SFX to go ahead as scheduled. It was informed that the meeting is an open meeting and any parishioner who is interested is welcome to attend the same.

Fund Raising policy will be made available to the parishioners for feedback in the month of November only.

Liturgy committee documents to be made available from October 22nd and 23rd.

It was decided to call for nomination on the 12th and 13th of November.

3.3 Reports:

3.3.1 Pastoral - Jeni informed the gathering that all the pastoral activities in the parish are going as usual. The sacramental program for the year is already began with 25 children attending the program and we expect a few more to join in.

There is nobody this year for RCIA

There are a lot of baptisms happening and this keeps us busy with preparation programs.

We had a number of funerals as well during the last month.

3.3.2 Gleeson College Liaison – Michael Flavel informed that there is an ongoing study on developing co-operation between the parishes and the Gleeson college.

3.3.3 St Francis Xavier School Liaison – Angela is back in the school after the long service leave. The meeting of parish representatives, Gleeson college representatives and SFX representatives is going to be hosted by SFX Children are preparing for the band for Craft market in the parish Dates for School year end mass and graduation day are already fixed

3.3.4 Parish Finance Committee – John Jarrad – report tendered. The planned giving program was a success.

•At the September meeting PFC endorsed the Fund Raising Policy but without the new clause 5.4. Will table again next Tuesday night (25th Oct) final approval.

•Planned Giving Program was presented very well with some positive feedback - down to earth and parishioners could relate to the message.

Pledged giving increased by \$352 pw – annual increase \$18304.

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Received 165 completed cards on the pledge weekend. Several have come in since that weekend. (good response for one weekend)

Currently there is a total of 208 givers in the program – 43 did not respond
SUMMARY

4 no longer wanted envelopes.

2 offered one-off donations - \$500

23 parishioners joined the program - \$183 pw (ave \$8 ea)

49 existing givers increased their pledge - \$192 pw (ave \$4 = cup of coffee)

From the 165 completed cards 93 remained the same

1 decreased their pledge - \$23

30 givers now on direct debit – 4 new givers went straight onto DD

- Test is to see if the new pledged amount is maintained.

- Structural fault has developed in the church wall near the Kesters Road entrance. Advice to be sought from the Head office Asset Manager as this could be a major job.

4 New Business

4.1 Diocesan spring Gathering

Since Jason expressed his unavailability to attend the Diocesan Spring gathering as the parish youth representative it was decided to go commentator's notice for a new volunteer.

4.2 Craft Market

Presenter: Helen Podgorski,

It was informed that everything is set and we are ready for the market on the 5th of November.

A lot of advertising is done

There was a suggestion to use the Live FM as a free source of advertisement.

4.3. End of Year of Mercy Celebrations

On November 18th the deanery level end of the year of mercy celebration will be celebrated at St John XXIII. As we are the hosts we need to encourage a lot participation from our parishioners. There will be a liturgy of the word celebration with second rite of reconciliation and a shared dinner. The parish pastoral council authorised Fr. Manu to discuss with St. David's parish and St Pius parish to find if we can anticipate the cluster reconciliation of advent to this end of Year of Mercy celebration.

4.4. Volunteer's Weekend

December 3rd and 4th weekend masses to be offered as thanksgiving masses for all the volunteers in our parish

On 4th Evening at 5pm it was decided to have a thanksgiving barbeque for all the volunteers just as we had it last year at Holy trinity Para Hills.

Marie Haydon is to prepare a power point presentation for the day

Any other Matters

- It was suggested to have a planned giving program at every quarter. But majority expressed their opinion that it is not viable and advisable to hold a planned giving program once in every quarter
- There was a question raised with regard to the follow up of talent hunt that we conducted in the parish some time back. It was informed by Fr. Manu that after the talent hunt program

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we personally contacted those who put down their names and entrusted them with the possible ministries in the parish.

- Helen expressed her thanks to John and Dug Telly for painting and repairing the craft room.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
a) Announcement by commentator for a youth volunteer to attend the diocesan spring gathering.	Marie Haydon	Weekend masses
b) Nominations for liturgy committee to be called in		12 th and 13 th of November 2016
c) Power point presentation is to be prepared for the volunteer's weekend celebrations		4 th December 2016

Next meeting to be held on 8th of November 2016 at 7pm

Angela to prepare the prayer for the next meeting.

The meeting came to an end around 8.40pm with concluding prayer by Fr. Manu