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Minutes of the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday 11th October 2018 at 7.30pm in Parish Office, Johnsonville

Present: Fr Peter, Fr Doug, Eustie Kamath (Chair), Graham Cooper, Eric De Souza, Anna Mika-Hunt, Jimmy Millar, William Nobelen, Vera Sullivan and Deborah Lim (Secretary).

Apologies: Henrietta Catalan, Oliver Hartwich, Shirley O'Brien

Meeting commenced with opening prayer led by Fr Peter followed by brief introduction by Jimmy.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 20th September was moved and seconded. Motion carried. Minutes are now to be loaded onto Parish website.

PPC Going Forward

Eustie suggested that a Deputy Chair be appointed with nominations being made now, and voting to take place at next PPC meeting. Anna was nominated at the meeting. PPC members will vote at next meeting in November.

A PPC get-together and social function will be held at 3pm on Sunday 4th November at St Benedict's Church foyer.

Application of Synod 17 in the Parish

Following on from the Cardinal's request that Parishes focus on 4 of the 13 Synod topics, Fr Peter advised that 2 of these will be uploaded onto the Parish website. There will also be a summary of the Synod process available for parishioners to use. This will be advertised in the newsletter.

Newlands Update

Fr Peter and Fr Doug met with St Benedict's School Principal and BOT Chair recently and they raised concerns about not being included in the Position Paper feedback. As a result, both St Benedict's and St Brigid's Schools will soon be sent an email from the Parish Office advising that the related documents can be accessed on the Parish website and to convey this to the school communities. The process has now been extended to accommodate responses from the schools. Over 200 replies have been received to date.

Gifts & Talents

Johnsonville

- Graham advised that contact has now been made with everyone who filled out a survey form and training organised. There will be a thank-you note in this weekend's newsletter.

Newlands

- Forms were handed out last weekend.

Khandallah

- About 40 have been returned so far. Eustie will speak at Masses this weekend to thank parishioners for responding. He is also trying to start up a group of people who can offer transport to parishioners in need.

Forms used at all 3 Churches will be made available on the Parish website.

Social Justice

Caritas asked for feedback on Social Justice Week and Fr Peter has responded advising of materials made available to parishioners and also of the Challenge 2000 Youth Mass. Fr Doug commented that the Mass was very well organised.

Christmas Mass Times

Newlands community had originally requested an 8pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve. Fr Peter advised this time is now suitable.

Vigil Mass times are now confirmed as: 6pm Khandallah, 7pm Johnsonville, 8pm Newlands, Midnight Johnsonville.

Health & Safety Management

Newlands

- Sensor light at front of Church is not working. Parish Office to organise electrician to fix.

Nothing to report from Johnsonville and Khandallah.

Inward Correspondence

- Introduction to Safeguarding Workshop will be held on 24th October. Jimmy and Anna will represent the PPC.
- Special Character Review Report of St Benedict's School conducted by Catholic Education Office.

Other Business

- Fr Peter gave approval for Newlands community to conduct a Liturgy of Word and Communion Service at St Andrew's on All Souls' Day.
- Anna enquired as to possibility of having a Mass at Newlands on 1st January. Fr Peter advised this is unlikely as it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.
- Anna queried whether proxies are allowed to attend PPC meetings in the event 2 or more members representing each community is unavailable. Fr Peter advised PPC meetings are open and proxies are welcome, provided they are aware they are not solely to represent each individual Church community.
- Meeting dates will be reassessed in the new year.

Meeting concluded at approximately 8.55pm with closing prayer.

Next meeting: Thursday 8th November, 7.30pm in Parish Office, Johnsonville.