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Minutes of the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday 20th September 2018 at 7.30pm in Parish Office, Johnsonville

Present: Fr Peter, Eustie Kamath (Chair), Graham Cooper, Eric De Souza, Oliver Hartwich, Anna Mika-Hunt, William Nobelen, Shirley O'Brien, Vera Sullivan and Deborah Lim (Secretary).

Apologies: Fr Doug, Henrietta Catalan, Jimmy Millar

Meeting commenced with reflection on the Emmaus story, prepared by the Diocese of Hamilton.

New members, Anna, William and Vera were welcomed. Brief introductions by all followed. Deb to update and circulate new contact list.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 16th August was moved and seconded. Motion carried. Minutes are now to be loaded onto Parish website.

Application of Synod 17 in the Parish

Sr Judith had previously encouraged the use of the discernment process by all Parish groups. Fr Peter advised that Katrin Eickhorst and Lucienne Hensel are well-trained in this area and can provide assistance.

It was proposed that the Marian Mothers' Group and St Vincent de Paul Society be publicly acknowledged and blessed at Mass. Fr Peter/Deb will get in touch with the contact person to ascertain which Mass/es the group would like to attend to receive the special blessing.

Graham will forward articles on St Francis of Assisi for publication in the newsletter during October.

Newlands Update

Following comments were made in relation to process so far:

- Parishioners are confused and want to know what is going on.
- Surprise that the questionnaire is to be confidential only to the Parish Priest and queried how this ties in with the decision to be more transparent and open, as discussed at the previous PPC meeting. Unhappy with the communication strategy and questioned why the newsletter article which was agreed on at the August meeting was not used.
- Closure of Newlands Church has helped developed a community that was not so tight-knit before.
- Position paper is well put-together.
- The questionnaire is leading and slanted towards a particular direction.
- The financial information in the two papers do not appear to show all the facts. There is a need for more detail.

Fr Peter advised that the reason for having the questionnaire marked confidential is to encourage more people to respond. He had received 73 from Newlands and 65 from Johnsonville/Khandallah. Responses will be collated before the next Finance meeting on 9th October, but how this process will take place is yet to be decided. Fr Peter will discuss further with Fr Doug. Any decisions taken would require to be signed off by the Finance Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council.

Gifts & Talents

Graham advised that in Johnsonville, a small committee had designed the form which will be used to update the Parish roll and to encourage more people into ministries. He is happy with the responses. Training will be provided to those who have signed up for Liturgical areas.

Eustie worked with Bernard Whaanga and Tony de Joux. Parishioners were given the opportunity to take the forms home and fill them out. They are still waiting for more forms to be returned.

Action: Gift & Talents Form to be loaded onto website.

Deb to email forms to Anna, who will liaise with the Newlands community and decide on a date to have the Gifts & Talents exercise in St Andrew's.

Health & Safety Management

Khandallah

- Rails of toilet doors which were coming off their tracks have been fixed.
- Glass door at top of ramp poses a hazard when it is windy as it is heavy and cannot be clipped open. Unsure how to fix it.

Johnsonville

- New hand rail to sanctuary has been put up.

Newlands

- Anna is one of the H&S representatives and will report back at future meetings.

Social Justice Week

Eustie attended the workshop on disability on 18th August, where Greg O'Connor spoke. We need to be an inclusive community where everyone plays a part.

Inward Correspondence

- (1) Email from Marushka Caldeiro enquiring about Masses for All Saints' and All Souls' Day. Fr Peter advised Masses for 1st November will be 9am in Khandallah/Johnsonville and 7pm in Johnsonville.
- (2) Email from Thomas Davis re: commentary from Fr James Lyons.

Christmas Mass Times

Liturgy groups to be asked to propose Mass times.

Suggestions from Fr Peter:

24th December - Family Masses at all 3 Churches, Midnight Mass at either Johnsonville or Khandallah

25th December – 9am at Khandallah, 9am & 10.30am at Johnsonville

Newlands has the option of having a Family Mass on 24th or 11am on 25th. Replies required ASAP.

Meeting concluded at approximately 9.15pm with closing prayer.

Next meeting: Thursday 11th October, 7.30pm in Parish Office, Johnsonville.