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Minutes of the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday 8th March 2018 at 7.30pm in St Peter & Paul's Church Hall

Present: Fr Peter, Fr Doug, Eustie Kamath (Chair), Graham Cooper, Tony de Joux, Shirley O'Brien, Mark Westerbeke and Deborah Lim (Secretary).

Apologies: Marita Basabas, Oliver Hartwich, Robert McClean

Absent: Eric De Souza

Opening prayer was led by Fr Doug.

Motion was and seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting of 8th February and joint Finance/PPC meeting on 20th February. Motion carried. PPC minutes are now to be loaded onto Parish website. Joint Finance/PPC Minutes to be given to Finance Committee for checking and approval.

Opening of Newlands Church

Fr Doug celebrated the 12pm Mass on 4th March and estimated that around 200-230 people attended. There was a sense of great joy amongst the congregation and all went smoothly. Mass was followed by a shared lunch.

Fr Doug met with the Newlands working group (Marushka Caldeiro, Anna Mika-Hunt, Anne Marie Bush, Denzil D'Mello & Mark Westerbeke) on Tuesday 6th March. Key points from the meeting are as follows:

- They are aiming to get a new roof. Currently working on getting quotes. They are also looking at possibility of obtaining roofing materials from existing buildings.
- In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated in the kitchen/hall area instead of the Church. Option of using St Michael's Church when weather is bad is not feasible as it would be too difficult to give prior notice to parishioners.
- Some remedial work has been carried out on the roof. Mark reports that there are still a few leaks but more work will be done to try and resolve these.
- Cardinal John has agreed to celebrate a Mass at Newlands. Date to be confirmed.
- Financial details have been provided to the group. Fr Doug stressed importance of having this group be made familiar with the Norms in terms of Finance Committee responsibilities as well as fundraising.

Fr Doug emphasised that all parties want this process to continue moving forward and not stagnate.

Graham queried whether we can provide Khandallah's submission for its earthquake strengthening to the working group, as it would be a good reference document. Fr Doug will look for a copy.

Health & Safety Management

H&S Representatives for each Church community are:

- Newlands – Anna Mika-Hunt and Clayton Dias (who will report directly to Fr Doug)
- Khandallah – Tony de Joux
- Johnsonville – Graham Cooper

Risk registers at each Church will need to be looked at regularly, with any incidents recorded and reported. This will be on the Agenda for every future PPC meeting.

Graham reported that the Rimu side door in St Peter & Paul's has been replaced by a much lighter one.

A suggestion was made that representatives from each community should meet and share ideas.

Community Committees

Graham will get a notice in the newsletter.

Other Pastoral Matters

- Eustie will attend the meeting of Parish Chairs with Tony. He invited any other Council member who is interested to attend the following meeting with him.
- Shirley queried on process of nominating new PPC members as the 2-year term expired in February. All agreed to discuss this at the Parish Council Retreat, tentatively set for 21st April.
- Eustie thanked Robert for his efforts in drafting and compiling the submission for the end-of-life choice bill on behalf of the PPC. A copy will now also be submitted to local MP Greg O'Connor.
- Mark asked if Finance Committee meeting minutes can be published?
- St Andrew's new Liturgy Group has requested that the 4pm Good Friday Service be transferred to Newlands. Fr Peter declined, stating that the Church is currently open for limited use only.

Meeting concluded at approximately 8.35pm with closing prayer.

Next Meeting

Thursday, 12th April, 7.30pm at St Benedict's Church Presbytery, Khandallah.