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Minutes of the St Francis of Assisi Ohariu Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.30pm in St Benedict's Presbytery, Khandallah

Present: Fr Peter, Fr Doug, Eustie Kamath (Chair), Robert McClean, Mark Westerbeke and Deborah Lim (Secretary).

Apologies: Marita Basabas, Graham Cooper, Tony de Joux (due to family bereavement), Eric De Souza, Oliver Hartwich, Shirley O'Brien

Opening prayer was led by Fr Doug.

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 12th April was moved and seconded. Motion carried. Minutes are now to be loaded onto Parish website.

Newlands Update

St Andrew's Committee met with Bill Cooney in April. Fr Doug was also in attendance. It was a good meeting during which Bill gave the group sound advice. The Committee has provided more detailed information, which Deb will circulate to all PPC. Next step is for Fr Peter and Fr Doug to have informal discussions with the ADW (General Manager Paul Bayliss and Finance Director Angela Kelly-Smith).

Health & Safety Management

Newlands

- The trailer on Trebann St which was hindering access to Church appears to now have been removed.
- Clayton and Anna are keen to meet up with other H&S representatives. Can Tony initiate a meeting?

Khandallah

- Roof tile above Presbytery was dislodged recently and has now been fixed.

General Correspondence

None.

Reformation of PPC

Term of existing PPC members has expired; Fr Peter and Fr Doug proposed this will be final meeting until Council new members are in place. They will send letter/email to all members inviting them to advise what their position is.

Fr Peter also sought advice from those present on process of selecting new members. The following were suggested:

- Should not have a formal election as this may lead to a "popular" rather than "capable" person being nominated.
- Representation from each of the 3 Church communities is essential.
- We need people who have a good overall Pastoral view and strong leadership qualities.
- Synod participants would be ideal. Should a letter be sent to each inviting them to consider being a part of the next PPC?

Financial Report

Not available yet but will possibly be published weekend of 19/20 May. A Finance Committee representative will also be speaking at each Mass.

Retreat

Eustie suggested that a Retreat run by the Cenacle Sisters could be held for the whole Parish. Eustie will speak with Shirley to see if she can help organise this Retreat.

Parish Newsletter

Eustie advised that he has had feedback from some parishioners that the newsletter is too brief and does not contain sufficient community news.

As an alternative to increasing the number of pages in the newsletter, can we:

- Put up more news items on the Parish website?
- Have a Parish Bulletin/Magazine once a year/quarter to include updates from each Parish group and other news items? We will need to look for a volunteer to coordinate.

Other Business

A family has donated a 4-ft statue of St Francis of Assisi to the Parish. A decision will need to be made on where to place it.

Meeting concluded at approximately 8.35pm with closing prayer.