

St Augustine's Parish Pastoral Council meeting minutes

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| Location: | St Augustine's Presbytery, Meehan Street, Yass |
| Date: | 12 th February 2020 |
| Time: | 7:30pm |
| Attendees: | Lourdes O'Keefe, Bob Nash, Fr Mick Burke, Sarah Johnston, Peter Cleary, Genevieve Colbert, Bryan Coleborne, Michael Van Wanrooy, Michael Green, Annabelle O'Connell |
| Apologies: | Nil |

Agenda items

1. Minutes endorsed Michael VW and Bob
 - A thank you from Sarah to Bob and Lourdes for their organisation of the Christmas gathering in Dec 2019 for the PPC and Finance Committee. A most enjoyable evening.
2. Discussion/action items arising from submitted portfolio reports:
 - Portfolio reports this year are to be submitted ahead of the meeting to allow for more discussion. Separate reports attached.
 - See below for Discussion points and Action items arising.
3. Address by Fr Mick re. the next 6 months
 - Fr Mick distributed a copy of an email from Graeme Hockey, as an indication of the respect our work has in Timor Leste. It is a testament to both the respect for and work of Yass/Gunning Belun. The work will continue as normal once Fr Mick has retired.
 - Fr Mick feels the community as a whole is in a 'pretty good place' and is proud of the ownership we have for both our place and people. His prayer is that this will continue.
4. Our focus for 2020
 - Strategies for growing the Parish:
 - o A Mass once a term prepared for and ministered by Mt Carmel community. See Mt Carmel School Action Item below.
 - o Contacting RCIA graduates to welcome them back into the parish community. See below.
 - Helping Bob and Peter
5. Parish Safeguarding Volunteer
 - The Parish Safeguarding Volunteer information was emailed to all PPC members before the meeting (see separate attachment).

- On attempting to discuss this matter, there followed heated debate, in regards to the need for a volunteer versus the current work done for compliance with child protection requirements. A decision was made by the Chair to hold over any further discussion.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 25th March 2020, 7.30pm

| Discussion points/Action items | Owner(s) | Deadline | Status |
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| Ecumenical: - a suggestion that perhaps Bryan's next 'theme' could be Stewardship, echoing the theme at Mt Carmel this year. | Bryan | | Ongoing |
| Social: - Unsurprisingly, a most wonderful supper provided for the Cologne Chamber Orchestra event. Lourdes requested a thank you to be put in the bulletin for this weekend. | Lourdes | | |
| Youth: - a second person has asked for the Selection Criteria, name unknown to Annabelle. Amber Maher and Annabelle to interview the first applicant soon. | Annabelle Annabelle | ASAP | Ongoing |
| Liturgy: - there will be a request sooner rather than later for more acolytes to volunteer for that roster. | Peter Peter | TBA | |
| Welfare: - the alarming homelessness figures in the Yass district discussed. - Michael expanded on his notes to say that one option YVC are looking at is identifying land that could be used to provide accommodation. The attention to the homelessness issue by YVC is ongoing. | Michael Van Wanrooy | | |
| Maintenance: - Bob met with the Finance Committee Tues 11th Feb 2020, with the result that he they have approved \$8K to be spent on projects, mainly in the Church, Hartigan Centre and the Hall. -Bob to organise a working bee in the next month. | Bob Bob | TBA | |

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| <p>- in response to the kneelers complaint made to Genevieve, investigating removal/'locking' of kneelers in the upright position for some pews.</p> | Bob, Peter | | Ongoing |
| <p>Mt Carmel School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both staff and students are looking forward to fostering this theme throughout the year in various projects, e.g. the SRC are looking at the supply chain for their T shirts to ensure they are 'fair trade' compliant - in deciding which supplier to use, they are considering factors such as modern slavery, any impact/s on the environment, the possibility of supporting a company from the South Coast to direct discretionary spending to economic recovery in the area. - Their research might in fact lead them to not purchase T shirts, and think of another way to signify their council members. - The Mt Carmel theme of stewardship to be taken up by other PPC portfolios where possible. - Possibility of the school community preparing and ministering a Mass once a term to build connection between parish and school. | Michael Green | | |
| <p>Social Justice.</p> <p>Project Compassion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a discussion around the opportunity to change the method of giving this year, however, Fr Mick commented on the incredible generosity of the community, by way of contributing much to both Project Compassion and Timor Leste, so continuing with the boxes is working well. <p>asking if the Ngunnawal people present at the 2017 constitutional convention could come and speak to us to be followed up - could also perhaps be part of Bryan's portfolio (see above).</p> | Sarah | | |
| <p>Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No discussion arising - Genevieve reported a complaint made to her, that the space between the kneelers and the seats makes it difficult to stand for some people. Investigation into removal of some kneelers or locking them | Genevieve | | |

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| somehow, as a response. | | | |