

St Augustine's Parish Council meeting minutes

Location:	Online meeting via Zoom
Date:	25 th March 2020
Time:	7:30
Attendees:	Lourdes O'Keefe, Fr Mick Burke, Sarah Johnston, Peter Cleary, Bryan Coleborne, Michael Green, Annabelle O'Connell
Apologies:	Michael Van Wanrooy, Bob Nash, Genevieve Colbert

Agenda items

1. Minutes endorsed Peter Cleary and Lourdes O'Keefe.
2. Discussion/action items arising from submitted portfolio reports:
 - See below for Discussion points and Action items arising.
3. Address by Fr Mick:
 - Fr Mick made the decision to cancel gatherings/move to lockdown on Sunday night. Following his decision, he experienced some hostility from some parishioners, who are very disappointed with the decision.
 - The PPC fully endorses and supports Fr Mick's decision in the current climate.
 - We need to keep all parishioners in our prayers, and where possible, make regular contact each other to ensure the wellbeing of all through this literally isolating time, especially those who live alone and don't have access to the newsletter.
 - Fr Mick advised the ArchD he will be postponing his retirement, due to the lockdown measures interrupting projects he wishes to see to completion, and to convey his solidarity with St Augustine's parishioners so he can finish this journey with us.
 - He would like to investigate the possibility of keeping the church open for private prayer, given the risk of COVID-19 spread is far less here than in Canberra.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th May 2020, 7.30pm

Discussion points/Action items	Owner(s)	Deadline	Status
<p>Ecumenical: - general agreement and support of: introducing an Aboriginal Mass, displaying the Uluru Statement in the Church, displaying the NATSICC plaque in St Augustine's church.</p> <p>ACTION: Bryan to contact Aunty Pam Bell for advice on the best place to display the plaque in the church.</p>	<p>Bryan</p> <p>Bryan</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Education: - no report; no gatherings permitted at this time.</p>	<p>Genevieve</p>		
<p>Liturgy: -all Liturgies suspended until further notice.</p> <p>ACTION: -Peter to contact all people requesting visits to notify them this is not possible. -Investigate/organise Eucharistic Ministers phoning those who have no access to online prayer/Mass to read the readings of the day/pray with them during the lockdown period. -if extra help is needed to do this, more parishioners have offered already.</p>	<p>Peter</p> <p>Peter</p>		
<p>Maintenance: -no further discussion.</p>	<p>Bob</p>		
<p>Mt Carmel School: - Michael is most concerned at this point about teachers' wellbeing - they are extremely stressed and overworked, trying to consider their own family's needs and prepare everything necessary for an online classroom. - student attendance has been dropping dramatically since beginning of the week. - Mt Carmel aims to be running fully online at the start of Term 2, including for children who will be attending.</p> <p>ACTION: Pray for continued strength for teachers to get through this extremely stressful time. Support them however possible under social distancing requirements.</p>	<p>Michael Green</p> <p>Everyone</p>		

