



St Raphael's Parish Pastoral Council

Thursday 26 May 2016

7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

St Raphael's School Hall

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Rosie, Br. Ben, Gail, Father Isidore, Carl, Chris, Michael, Max

Chairperson – Br. Ben; Minutes Secretary - Carl

1 Welcome and apologies

Apologies from Sharon, Annette and Minh

2 Fr. Isidore Welcome and prayer

Father welcomed all and led us in prayer.

3 Previous minutes 3 March 2016

Reviewed and accepted with Max prime and Gail seconding.....carried.

A note that it was agreed that to save photocopying, multiple copies of the Minutes would not be printed – rather distributed via email and can be viewed online.

4 Presidents Report

No specific report – Sharon however advised via email that fundraising was going well.

5 Principals Report

- Carried over to next meeting – Annette was unable to attend.

6 Youth Report/Update

Michael provided the following update:

- First Youth Group meeting was held with 10 from St. Raphael's, 3 from Mater Dei and 2 from Public Schools attending
- Fundraising for Natalie for WYD (total cost being \$2,800): \$840 raised from Easter Raffle and \$340 collected from both churches. Next event will be Morning Tea with gold coin donation (to be held at St. Raphael's) – Natalie will be promoting.

7 Parish Updates

7.1 Business Arising from previous Minutes

- Audio Visual Cabinet in Church – rectification:
 - Minh and Carl completed the work with nil expense to the Parish.
 - PC can be kept on top of the cabinet if necessary with Kensington Lock (**AP: Carl** to provide).
- School and Parish working better together:
 - Meeting was held between Annette, Father, Michael, Br. Ben, Michelle and Jennifer – this was very productive and the meetings will continue as a good forum for communication.

7.2 Social Justice

- No update – continue to look for opportunities to plan and contribute.

7.3 Men's Group

Carl advised:

- Weekly meetings continuing with core group of 6 attending
- No update on promoting the group as yet to the parishioners – continue to place notice in the Parish Bulletin.

7.4 Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister Training:

- Planning session with Michael, Br. Ben to be held 27th May with Graham to discuss details.
- Candidates identified – Michael to coordinate.

7.5 Church History – Rosie

- Ongoing work – Rosie mentioned the particular historical importance of the primary school being co-located with the church.

7.6 General Parish update – Michael

- Easter went well
- Mother's Day – Flowers were a success
- HS&E training – identifying risks, taking responsibility were key take outs. If there are any hazards – let Michael know.
- Catechist Mass will be held on 3rd June

7.7 Clearing the items under the floor of the church

- **AP – Michael** to coordinate with Annette to organise “skip” (get quotes etc.). A Working Bee will then be organised with volunteers at a suitable day/time (a Saturday during next school holidays preferred).

7.8 Sacramental program

- Br. Ben advised:
 - Confirmation Preparation proceeding for children from St. Raphael's and also 5 from other (public) schools.
 - Michelle held a liturgical art session (e.g. candle making) which was well attended (over 20 people) including 3 from public schools.
 - More volunteers for Altar Serving - more on roster which is great news

7.9 Other

- Elderly and Youth event
 - Father Isidore keen to promote an event to bring the elderly and young people together. **AP – Br. Ben** to ask Annette about hosting a luncheon for elderly/disabled in the Hall – volunteers can be organised for catering and to pick up the elderly – school children could “wait” at tables.
- Other events
 - There are many events on the calendar – Michael will ask Pastoral Council members to attend
- Gail
 - Gail advised her resignation from the Pastoral Council as she will no longer be able to make the meetings. Father Isidore thanked Gail for her contribution to the Council and ongoing contribution as a valued member of the parish community.

8 Standing Item:

8.1 Pastoral Plan – Visit goals not discussed previously or requiring discussion

To be carried over. New plan to be looked at in line with 2016/17 Diocesan Plan when that comes out.

9 Next Meeting

Scheduled for 7pm on

~~Thursday 25th August 2016~~ (rescheduled for Thurs 1st September)

Meeting Closed – 8.30pm