



St Raphael's Parish Pastoral Council

Thursday 23 Nov 2017

Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

St Raphael's Hall

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Fr. Isidore, Br. Ben, Minh, Carl, Chris, Michael, Max

Chairperson – Minh; Minutes Secretary – Carl

1 Apologies Apologies from Annette McKenzie

2 Fr. Isidore Welcome and prayer

Father welcomed us all and lead us in an opening prayer.

3 Previous Minutes 7 Sept 2017

Reviewed and accepted with Br.Ben proposing and seconded by Michael.

4 Presidents Report – Minh

- Feast Day went well this year and next year we can do the same.
- Music:
 - Norma is now playing music for us (Tia selects the Hymns)
 - Send off for Julie went well
 - Br.Ben asked Luke Auciello (he can play the piano) – Luke said he could help out when needed if he can make it.
- Catechist Mass was successful for CCD (Public Schools) last week 16th Nov (see also Parish Update below).
- Numbers at church consistent; Rosary Groups well attended; Legion of Mary (Max) now joined with Mater Dei with meetings every Tuesday (8 active members) – visiting the sick (home/nursing home), hospital ministries, home rosaries and small groups.

5 Principals Report – Br.Ben

- The two schools are planning on doing more things together (“one family/one parish”) eg: joint Mass planned for April 2018 followed by picnic.
- Pope Francis Awards – completed and school happy with the way it went. Awards happening in December.

6 Youth Ministry Update – Michael

Michael provided the following update:

- Youth Group: Meetings held at Michael Kennedy Centre at MD for last term – numbers were down so next year will be back at SR. Natalie advised for next year also once a term (movie nights) will be at MD.

- Year 5 and 6 students attend these groups (once a month) and Natalie uses resources provided by Catholic Youth Services (CYS).
- Catholic Youth Festival in 7/8/9th Dec (no vigil Mass on Sat 9th Dec) as Youth Mass in the Domain.
- Simon Carrington (speaker suggested by CYS) to be organised for next year (does not ask for a fee but asks for donation \$150-\$200) Talk about rosary and Mary. Money was raised via Gold Coin donation at Morning teams - at SR (\$80) and MD (\$120) – the parishioners would like her to give a small talk thanking them – **AP Natalie** – this will be done next year.
- Natalie’s friend and fellow parishioner (Annie Mar) has been assisting her run the youth group.

7 Parish Update – Michael and All

7.1 Business arising from previous Minutes and general update (Michael)

Michael provided the following update:

- Public School Mass was celebrated on 16th November – approx. 80 people attended
- Book launch with Bishop Richard Umbers went well on 19th November. Well attended with local State Govt member, mayor of council and other special guests.
- Men’s Bible reflection group is ongoing – weekly and solid core members attending regularly. Women’s group commenced and also going well – meeting fortnightly.
- Catechist news – first Holy Communion run by Monica and Michael; Sacrament of Reconciliation by Florence and Norman – thanks to all.
- St. Raphael Feast day Mass was celebrated on the weekend (Saturday – pies; Sunday – morning tea with cake).
- SR Lead light window repaired in September.
- Finance report provided by George Saab – this will now be bi annual basis – including in the bulletin. Note that there are separate Accounts for SR and MD. Parish is in sound financial position with an operating surplus of approx. \$5k for 2016/17.
- HAZMAT inspection of church buildings – some asbestos related items found and need to be removed from SR underfloor and MD garage. The rest is OK. Detail Reports will be sent in the new year (2018).
- Christmas get together of all of the various ministries in the parish will be held on Wed 6th December 7pm for 7.30pm start at SR.
- St. Bede’s nursing home – Christmas Mass scheduled for 7th December.
- Cheddar Street nursing home – Christmas Mass scheduled for 12th December. New documents are required to be signed in order to access the nursing home.
- Bay nursing home Mass – 13th December.
- End of Year School Graduation Mass scheduled for 14th Dec. Michael will coordinate with Annette.

7.2 Christmas Party – Minh and Carl

Joint Parish Christmas Party – preparations going well. Santa will come after the final blessing with Father announcing arrival. Br Ben will take Holy Communion to St. Bede’s on that Sunday morning at 9.30am.

7.3 St Raphael’s History Book update – Minh

Book launch was successful with about 70 books sold on the day. Father Isidore thanked all who made the day possible. The book needs to be promoted as at least 350 need to be sold to break even. To be promoted at all Masses.

7.4 Maintenance Works – and Store room clean up. (Carl/Br. Ben)

- Planning to do a clean up early in the new year. A skip bin will be organised.
AP – Br. Ben/Carl
- Annette is getting quotes for some works (repair pump grill and wooden sleeper to be reset).
- Annette also mentioned WiFi coverage for the church – possibly extend from presbytery building or school access to be extended.

7.5 Community Grants Capital Works – Chris Minns State Member (Minh/Carl)

Suggestion for installation of air conditioning/heating/cooling for churches. Possibly under floor or vented solutions. **AP – Minh** to arrange for quotes.

7.6 Parish 90th anniversary celebration in 2018. (Minh)

Two dates to be suggested to Archdiocese office – SR feast day (29/9 or 30/9 which is a Sunday) or Foundation stone date 21/10. Max suggested Copper plaque be made which lists the Parish Priests. **AP – all** – A committee needs to be formed for organisation of the celebration.

7.7 Thank you Mass - 1st Sunday in February 2018 (All)

To be postponed and conjoined with invite for 90th celebrations.

7.8 Other/General

- New website – Catholic Archdiocese – Michael investigating getting current revamped. Meeting required to discuss further
- Female representation on the Pastoral Council. Father asked Annette – possibly someone from school community.

8 Standing Item:

8.1 Pastoral Plan – the current plan has been updated by Carl to a marked up draft version.

9 Next Meeting

Scheduled for 7pm on ~~15th March 2018~~; Thursday 22nd March

Meeting Closed – 8.30pm