



St Raphael's Parish Pastoral Council

Thursday 22 Mar 2018

Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

St Raphael's Hall

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

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

Chairperson – Minh; Minutes Secretary – Carl

1 Apologies N/A

2 Fr. Isidore Welcome and prayer

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

3 Previous Minutes 23 Nov 2017

Reviewed and accepted with Michael proposing and seconded by Max.

4 Presidents Report – Minh

Minh provided the following report:

- Joint 2017 Christmas celebration with MD went very well – thanks to all who helped and participated.
- Annual Ministries, parish groups end of year celebration with both SR, MD will continue.
- Reader roster and offertory continues to have many new parishioners participating. This is very welcome and heartening.
- 3 members of SR (Luke, Carl and Minh) were formally instituted as Acolytes at a ceremony presided over by Archbishop Fisher at St. Mary's Cathedral on 25th February 2018. Tony Oscurro from MD also instituted.
- Clean up of under and side areas of church completed - thanks Br Ben and Carl.

5 Principals Report – Annette

a) Working with the Parish - Pope Francis Award Program

- SR will be running this again this year (nine children from Year 6 will be involved – starting in Term 2). Each participant is required to undertake 10 parish hours and 10 school hours related to the Program.
- Nazira will speak at our Masses to educate the parishioners and promote the Awards Program. **AP Annette** – to confirm with Br. Ben a suitable weekend for these presentations.
- More schools will participate in the program this year.

b) Bringing SR and MD school communities together

- Celebration Mass and Picnic “one church/one family” scheduled for 25th Oct. Children will gather at MD for a morning tea then go to Todd Park where games/activities will take place. Annette has met with Anne Melrose (MD Principal) and a committee has been formed.

6 Youth Ministry Update – Michael

Michael provided the following received from Natalie Prego:

Hi Michael,

I have attached this semester's (first 2 terms) roster for the youth group. At the moment we are averaging 12-15 members per youth night with a few new students and a lot of students return to the youth group from last year, so year 6 and year 7's.

We are staying at St Raphael's for the time being because when we go to Mater Dei for a term we lose members that would normally attend.

At this moment we have no students from Mater Dei attending. However I have been in contact with Janet Suchy from Mater Dei and I will be meeting and running activities with year 5 and year 6 tomorrow (Friday the 9th).

Janet has also invited me to participate in an event combining both schools and the parish on the 25th of October. I will be attending mass and running activities on the day.

I am also talking to Simon Carrington (the Speaker) again, to try and organise when he can come and speak. I am going to try and get him for term 3. I will check with the schools to ensure that there is nothing planned on the days in which I would book him.

When would you like me to speak at Mass to thank the parishioners for raising the money?

Kind Regards,
Natalie Prego

AP – Natalie – has organised with Michael that she will speak after Easter.

- Annette mentioned that she has seen Natalie and the group "in action" and it is a wonderful atmosphere – a credit to Natalie and the children – she has a lovely relationship with them. Especially good to see Year7 and 8 children attending and participating as well.

7 Parish Update – Michael and All

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

- a) Nominating/asking for more female membership of the Council
 - Some discussion took place about this – Annette will have a think about possible candidates from the school community
 - Best approach is to personally invite/ask if people are interested.
- b) Michael provided the following update:
Parish Ministry Coordinator's update (22/3/18)
 - i. Public School Mass was celebrated on 15th March. The mass was successful but the response was a bit low due to short notice given to the families due to Easter coming a bit early this year. A second mass will follow towards the end the year.
 - ii. HAZMAT Inspection and Building Inspection report has been received. This will be investigated after Easter
 - iii. Easter Mass was celebrated at St Bede's and Blakehurst Nursing homes
 - iv. Donations received from Club Central towards repair of the chalices and Monstrance. Carl had put in an application to Club Central for this

- v. Mater Dei Council has suggested a date for the annual combined parishes Dinner at Doltone house as Fri 7th September 2018. They would like me to present this proposal to this council meeting
- vi. Re: 90th Anniversary of SR laying of the Foundation Stone. The Archbishop is only free on 11th November 2018 as he will be overseas prior to this. I have been given a form to complete and submit detailing all the services the Archbishop needs to perform, name of the dignitaries attending, etc. (The dates we had suggested were 29th September (St Raphael's feast) and 21st Oct – the date of laying the foundation stone.).

7.2 SR Church 90th anniversary celebration in 2018. (Michael/Minh/All)

- a) Confirmation of the date –
 - Also see Michael's report above. All agreed that a 10am Mass at SR on Sunday 11th Nov followed by BBQ/Luncheon on the school grounds would be best.
- b) Appointment of a committee
 - Committee will be formed from SR community – also discuss with MD on how they went about the MD 60th celebrations.
- c) Possibility of combining Joint parish dinner and SR Christmas party with the 90th
 - See 7.5 b) below.

7.3 Maintenance Works (Minh/Carl/Br. Ben)

- a) Update – Reports – actions arising
 - See Michael's report above – will be looked at after Easter.
- b) Church pew refurbishing
 - Some of the pews need to be re-fastened to the floor as they are not stable. Minh suggested a working bee to look at this - **AP Minh** – with Br. Ben.
 - Also they need re-sanding and varnishing – agreed that we should wait to see how the MD work turns out (**AP – Michael** to liaise with Tony Oscurro).

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

- a) Air Conditioning – quotes – update
 - Another quote is being sought (Br. Ben) – then we can compare different options.

7.5 Parishioners and Social (Michael/Minh)

- a) Arrangements to bring residents of Aged homes to weekend masses (One couple from Cheddar St nursing home and Leo from Ferndale nursing home)
 - This should be organised – at least for once a month. Minh suggested that Acolytes rostered on could assist with this.
- b) Joint parishes dinner party. Dolton House has offered our parishes Friday 7th September.
 - Agreed that it would be good for this to proceed as a joint initiative – Michael indicated cost would be about \$65 per person which is reduction from \$75 last year.
 - SR members needed to join the MD organising committee.
 - The theme for the party should tie in with SR 90th Anniversary.

7.6 Other/General

- New website – Catholic Archdiocese – Michael in discussion.

8 Standing Item:

8.1 Pastoral Plan – no update

9 Next Meeting

Scheduled for 7pm on 7th June 2018
Meeting Closed – 8.30pm