



Parish of St Columba and the Holy Souls, Leichhardt North

Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

Tues 7 Mar 2017, 7.30 pm

St Columba's meeting room

Meeting opened: 7.30 pm

Item	Action
<p>1. Opening prayer Read by Fr. Peter</p>	-
<p>2. Attendance <u>Present</u> Fr. Peter Smith, John Collins, Sr Laureen Dixon, Susan Draysey, Chantal Nguyen (Secretary), Dan O'Brien, Adrian Overs (Chair), Carmel Reid</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Mark Breen, Renata Popovic-Tomac, Bernard Ryan, Amanda Sapienza,</p>	-
<p>3. Minutes from previous meeting Motion to accept: Carmel. Motion carried.</p>	-
<p>4. Church sign Adrian has contacted sign suppliers and heard back from two. One requests a plan of the grounds, the</p>	<p>Adrian to continue progressing procurement of signs.</p>

<p>other is coming to the Church to do a site inspection. Marcia will meet with him.</p>	
<p>5. Jesus statue and church garden Garden-planting went very well. Grasses still to go around the Jesus statue. Blessing still to happen, will be after all three Masses on the next weekend when after-Mass cuppa is scheduled. Sculptor to be invited to the blessing after the 10am Mass.</p>	<p>Fr. Peter to finalise gardens, invite sculptor to the relevant 10am Mass.</p>
<p>6. Welcoming David's Place (Sun 26 Mar 2017) The Council discussed coordinating food for the BBQ. The event is already in the school calendar.</p>	<p>Fr. Peter to check with Sue how many people are expected and let Adrian know.</p> <p>Arian and Carmel to coordinate food for the BBQ.</p> <p>Sue to promote the event through the school.</p>
<p>7. School report – Motion to table: Dan. Motion accepted.</p> <p>Our Opening School Mass for 2017 was held on Friday 17 February. It was a joyful celebration where our 2017 school leaders received a blessing on the leadership and their badge. At the end of Mass the statue of Jesus was blessed and a morning tea was held for parents and carers. Thank you Fr. Peter for the way you lead the students in the development of their faith and leading them into a closer relationship with God.</p> <p>Our Welcome Disco for 2017 was held on Friday 24 February in the Hall. A great evening was had, many parents volunteering to assist with the BBQ, cake stall, hair spraying and fake tattoos.</p> <p>A new P&F executive was elected at our first P&F meeting for the year which was held on Tuesday 21 February. The new executive is, for the first time, made up completely of dads.</p> <p>Preparations for the Autumn Fair (Saturday 25 March, 2.00pm - 7.00pm) are well underway. There will be rides, slides and jumping castles on the oval, a main stage with performances from all classes on the basketball court, some craft stalls, a chocolate wheel, BBQ and wood fired pizzas, soft drinks etc. Domremy College and De La Salle Ashfield will also have stalls to promote their schools. Some of our Year 5 students will also have a stall raising money for the Malala Fund https://www.malala.org/malalas-story</p> <p>Catholic Schools Week is being held from 5 - 11 March. At St. Columba's we are having open</p>	

classrooms until 10am on Tuesday 7 March, and our Open Day for prospective new families is on Thursday 9 March, from 9.00am - 11.00am and 4.00pm - 5.00pm.

Our Stage 3 students (Years 5 and 6) have been invited to represent all Inner West Primary Schools at the St. Patrick's Day Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. After Mass they will be given a guided tour of the Cathedral.

An evening with Sam Clear, run by Family Educators of the Inner West was a successful night. Many dads and their children had the opportunity to hear Sam's inspirational story. Congratulations and thanks go to Sue Draysey, our Family Educator, for the leading role she took in the organisation of this event.

Reconciliation preparation is well underway, with the Sacrament to be conferred for the first time on Wednesday 29 March at 7.00pm. Thank you to Sr. Loreen and Miss Sarah Gleeson (REC) for the work they are doing to prepare the students.

8. St Vincent de Paul report – Motion to table: Sr Laureen. Motion accepted.

Clients assisted

During the month of February Vinnies conference members were only called on to respond to 6 standard calls for assistance, a very pleasing figure as it means that our clients are having an easier time of it that they sometimes do. There were 17 individuals assisted during these calls and we delivered nine food hampers and issued \$380 worth of supermarket food cards. Total approximate cost for goods provided during the months is \$850.

Financial Position

As at the end of December figures show the Conference in deficit to the tune of \$1872. This is more than offset by our holdings of supermarket gift cards of over \$3000.

9. Parish 2020

Facilitator's training

Amanda and John attended the Facilitator's Training at the Polding Centre. Quite a good turn out.

Bishop Brady noted the changes in parishes and living in Sydney over the years. Lots of parishes are now close to each other.

Survey

Parish 2020 organisers would prefer the Parish 2020 survey to be filled out online, although it is limited to only 1 computer per survey.

John and Amanda to discuss survey with Craft Group on 17 March.

Fr Peter to inform parishioners about the survey at Masses on weekend of 12/13 Mar.

<p>It is vital that as many people as possible from our parish completes the survey, so that:</p> <p>a) people are aware of the vibrancy and activity of our parish, despite its small size; and</p> <p>b) survey results accurately depict our parish – this will affect any decisions made as a result of the survey</p>	
<p>10. Parish sub-committee updates</p> <p><u>Social</u> Most recent after-Mass cuppa well attended.</p> <p>Christmas in July lunch to be held on 16 Jul. Venue TBC.</p>	-
<p><u>Reaching out to others</u> Regular meetings are in the process of being coordinated.</p> <p>Lenten reflections to be organised from Mon 13 Mar.</p>	-
<p><u>Liturgy</u> Liturgy committee meeting to occur next Tues 14 Mar.</p>	-
<p><u>Communications</u> Adrian has made the updates to the website as discussed last meeting.</p> <p>Chantal has created a Facebook page for the parish, which has been approved by the Council. The page is to be used as an alternative to the Bulletin, to advertise upcoming parish events.</p>	<p>Chantal to email Fr. Peter to coordinate announcing the Facebook page at the Masses on an upcoming weekend.</p>
<p>11. Other business</p> <p><u>Parish youth</u> The Council discussed whether the youth of the parish are being involved in parish life. There is potential for engagement in this area with the youth ministers working in local schools.</p>	<p>Chantal and Sue to discuss / brainstorm ideas and report back at the next Council meeting.</p>

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Next meeting: Tues 4 Apr 2017, 7.30 pm, St Columba's meeting room