



Parish of St Columba and the Holy Souls, Leichhardt North

Pastoral Council

MINUTES of meeting on 6 December 2016 7:30 pm

Venue: Parish Meeting Room

Meeting opened: 7:32 pm

No	Item	Action to Do	By/When
1.	Opening Prayer – Read by Susan Draysey		
2.	Present: Fr Peter, Amanda Sapienza (chair), Dorcey Rutter (secretary), Dan O'Brien, Frances Stewart, Susan Draysey, John Collins, Adrian Overs, Mark Breen, Renata Popovic, Chantal Nguyen, Carmel Reid, Margaret Perry Apologies: N/A		
3.	Minutes from previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Motion to accept: Margaret Perry o Motion seconded: Carmel Reid o Motion carried Business arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statue and garden for the church – Peter Smith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Rocks have been delivered for the statue. This week the concrete bed will go down and the statue will follow next week. o The brass plaque for the statue will read the words of Jesus. "Let the children come to me" o The unveiling of the statue will take place at the first school mass of the year in February o Renata has drawn up plans for the garden. Peter and Renata are currently discussing plans for an edible garden, 		

	<p>amongst other ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council approval is required. Frances Stewart will be looking into this next year • Parish Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All new changes have been made and the Christmas mass times have been uploaded 		
<p>4.</p>	<p>School report – (tabled by Frances Stewart)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing is now completed for 2017. In addition to the new REC Sarah Gleeson I have employed Miss Michelle Crescini as the Kindergarten teacher. She is currently on exchange in Ontario Canada. Michelle takes Kylie Madden's position. Kylie was on maternity leave but has resigned her position. There are no other staff changes. • Our End of Year and Graduation Mass is this Friday morning, with a morning tea afterwards. Yr. 6 will receive their Graduation Certificates and we present our academic prizes for the year. • There are 12 students leaving for other schools and I have enrolled 5 new students, 2 who have started already and 3 who will start in 2017. With the large Kindergarten class of 33 I have an enrolment of 164 for 2017, up from 156 this year. • Our Christmas Story presentation is on Monday evening 12 December with a 5.30 sausage sizzle and a 6 pm start. All classes will present the Christmas story through their Advent unit of work, using drama and music. • Students finish for the year on Friday 16 December and teachers finish on Monday 19 December. • The new school year reopens on 27 January for teachers and the students start on Monday 30 January. <p><i>It has been a very successful year in our new school. Staff have worked incredibly hard to make the new spaces work, students have adjusted and enjoy finding their places to learn and our parents have been very supportive of our work. I'm grateful to Peter for his ongoing care as our Pastor. His masses and liturgies are filled with joyful insight as he connects with the students, staff and particularly parents, who may not be regular church goers. I appreciate the support he offers</i></p>		

	<p><i>me as Principal. I wish the Pastoral Council members a Christmas filled with the joy and peace of Christ and I look forward to working with you again in 2017.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Written report on file with Secretary</i> 		
<p>5.</p>	<p>St Vincent de Paul report – (tabled by Mark Breen)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During November 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vinnie's members responded to twelve calls for assistance ○ There were 33 individuals assisted during these calls, 11 food hampers were delivered and \$740 worth of supermarket food cards • Financial Standing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the end of October, figures show the conference in deficit to the tune of \$1,217. Against this we hold supermarket cards to a value in excess of \$2,000 • Christmas Hampers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delivery of Christmas hampers is scheduled for December 18. The hall is booked from 11am so deliveries will commence after 8am mass to allow us to vacate the hall in time for the booking. We have identified some local folk who, while needy, do not technically fall within the criteria our Vinnie's conference uses when considering the hamper list of people. Fr Peter generously agreed that we could include these people in the hamper list and that the parish would contribute a \$40 or \$50 gift card to each in lieu of the gift cards which would otherwise have been contributed by Vinnie's. There are eight hampers in this category. • Christmas Appeal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fr Peter has kindly allowed us to hold our annual appeal on the weekend 10-11 December. <p><i>Written report on file with Secretary</i></p>		

	<p>welcome Chantal Nguyen as the new Pastoral Council secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Big World Homes<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fr Peter recently had a meeting with Big World Homes. BWH provide mobile homes which are self sufficient. Peter will be setting one up at the far end of the field as a display home. A temporary fence will be placed throughout Christmas holidays.		
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Meeting closed: 9:19 pm

**Next meeting: Tuesday 7 February
St Columba's Parish Meeting Room**

