**Parish Council**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday 15 March 2022 – 7:30 pm

 

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| **ITEM** | **ACTION** |
| **1. Welcome and opening prayer:** |  |
| Opening prayer by Fr. Peter | No action required |
| **2. Attendance / Apologies:** |  |
|  Present: David Hair, Debra Galofaro, Fr. Peter, Therese Pacey, Ann Coffey, Ray Choi, Barbara Howard Apologies: Renata Popovic-Tomac, Jennifer Cheal, Amanda Gardiner, Mirele Farina | No action required |
| **3. Minutes of the previous meeting to be moved:** |  |
| Accepted | No action required |
| 1. **Business arising from previous meeting:**
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| **Strategic Planning Day** was cancelled. A new date to be set, preferably on a Saturday morning. Survey to determine a new date to be sent. | Jennifer Cheal |
| **5. School report**  |  |
| **Delivered by** **Debra Galafaro:*** Covid cases being identified weekly but families are keeping kids at home.
* Teachers are doing a great job in difficult circumstances.
* Parents can now attend the school allowing the recent Assembly to be run as a hybrid – in person and Zoom.
* Pre raising funds for the school’s play equipment. Students are holding a competition to design the equipment.
* Enrolment for school next year will be online which provides a number of benefits.
* There is a lot of interest in St Columba’s again this year. Enrolments will include 14 – 19 siblings.
* Three new students starting next term (Kindergarten, years 3 & 5).
* Staff ‘Faith Formation Day’ will be held on 8 April. Key speaker is Father Peter.
* The School thanks the parish for inclusion in the Tonga Appeal. Apart from raising funds & goods through various activities it provided an opportunity to raise student awareness.
* Fr Peter advise the Parish provided $4.5k in funds to assist in shipping.
 | No action required |
| 1. **Easter Celebrations**
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| * Covid is still somewhat of a concern and numbers attending services are variable
* It was agreed that, if possible, a Marquee and chairs should be hired for the Easter services (Friday to Sunday).
* Debra suggested that the School’s lapel microphone might be used rather than a roving mic.
* Check if Gus is available to manage the sound system for us.
 |   Fr Peter Ray |
| **10. Parish sub-committee updates**  |  |
| **Social Committee – Nil*** ‘Weekend Cuppa’ set for 27 March.

**Social Justice*** Meetings have commenced. Notices in the Parish Bulletin.

**Liturgy** * A meeting to be arranged to discuss the Easter Celebrations.
* Arrange readers for Palm Sunday and Easter services.
* Organise palms / people advised to bring own palm/foliage for blessing.

**Communications** * Jennifer to train Ray in editing and posting the weekly podcast recording.
* Support needed to assist Jennifer with weekly recordings to give her a break.
 |  David  Therese Barbara Jennifer/Ray  |
| **8. New Items**  |  |
| * Update the Bulletin with Parish Council members
* People are paid to clean and do jobs around the Church but everything is looking a little tired. It would be good to have a ‘working bee’ to clean the Church and tidy up the gardens. ‘Working bee’ set for Saturday 9 April starting at 9am. Tea/coffee/drinks to be provided.
* The ‘Kick Start Café is an initiative that sees young people learn to be a barista. They are given training and allocated a van at building sites. Looking to see if we could arrange a van to be positioned outside the school.
 |  David All Fr Peter |

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| **Next meeting**: 3 May 2022 |  |

 **Meetings Dates for 2022:**

* 3 May
* 7 June
* 19 July
* 30 August
* 11 October
* 22 November