



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

Tues 4th Sept 2018, 7.30 pm

St Columba's meeting room
Meeting opened: 7.30pm

Item	Action
1. Opening prayer – Fr. Peter	-
2. Attendance / apologies <u>Present:</u> Mark Breen, Fr Peter, Nicola Connors, Adrian Overs, Vasile Tiano, Carmel Reid, Bernard Ryan <u>Apologies</u> Dan O'Brien, Renata Popovic-Tomac	Vasile
3. Business arising from previous meetings	
<u>Storage at the hall</u> Designed and ready to be installed sometime this week. It will be built behind the hall for OOSH (Out Of School Hours) storage and to make more space. This will help to be organised and neat. More information to be discussed at next meeting.	Fr Peter
4. Social Justice Calendar/Diary Social Justice Committee would like to go through the Calendar for 2019 with the Council and other Parish Committees and work out	Vasile to ask someone from the Social Justice subcommittee to discuss this further at the next meeting.

what events and issues the Parish would like to focus on. The Social Justice Diary (Australian Catholic Social Justice Council - ACSJC) provides a way for connecting with the Parish and the sub-groups in the Pastoral Council.

Social Justice subcommittee to discuss how to shape our future.

5. School report – tabled by Bernard Ryan

Moved by: Mark Breen | Seconded by: Carmel Reid

- Little Columba’s Playgroup was successfully opened on 13 August. Thank you to our Family Educator, Nicola Connors, for securing the grant which enabled the Playgroup to be formed.
- Both Sarah Tatola (REC) and myself have had positive contract renewal experiences this term.
- A well attended Social Justice evening was held on Friday 17 August. The focus of the night was Homelessness.’ Thank you to Fr. Peter for presenting, and to Jules Bates from the local St. Vincent de Paul chapter for presenting as well.
- The St. Columba’s Parents and Friends Dinner Dance was held on Friday 24 August at Le Montage. Over 150 parents attended. Much fun was had and valuable funds were raised to purchase STEM and literacy resources to support the learning of all students.
- The Term 3 Mass for Families is being held at the 5.00pm Parish Mass on Saturday 15 September.

5. St Vincent de Paul report – tabled by Mark Breen

Moved by: Fr. Peter | Seconded by: Vasile Tiano

Clients Assisted

In the six weeks since last meeting Vinnies conference members attended to just 13 calls for assistance. There were 19 individuals assisted during these calls and we delivered 13 food hampers and issued \$920 worth of supermarket food cards. Total approximate cost for goods during the period is \$1700.

Financial Position

Final for	2018 FY	2017 FY
Income	\$13957.30	\$11355.95
Expenses	\$7861.39	\$12646.21
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$6095.91	(\$1290.25)
<p>Notable differences include Appeals yielding around \$2,300 more this year and some \$2,500 lower expenses re supermarket cards commensurate with decline in call numbers. Also, move to source bedding etc through regional office funds improved our figures by around \$2000. The “surplus” shown is not real as it does not account for the many thousands of dollars paid directly from regional office for utility bills and rental assistance for clients in our area.</p>		
As at 31 July	2018	2017
Income	\$3993.50	\$3697.70
Expenses	\$169.13	\$160.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3824.37	\$3537.70

<p>Annesley House The Aged Care facility in Marion St has been closed for some time now. However, rather than leave it lay empty while awaiting major works to update it for aged care standards Uniting Care are instead making suitable sections available as short term emergency housing for women in need. Residents need to self-cater but at least have the security of a guard at the entry. Vinnies have visited quite a few clients there of late but unfortunately it is scheduled for closure in the near future. Crisis accommodation in the inner west is getting harder to find.</p>	
<p>5. Parish sub-committee updates</p>	
<p><u>Social Committee</u></p> <p>Christmas in July was a good afternoon for the event. It was held on the Sunday 29th July at 12pm Carmen's on the Park, Canada Bay. It was a good turnout.</p>	-
<p><u>Social Justice</u></p> <p>Lots of activities and they are advertised through the Bulletin and in the Church.</p> <p>For example:</p> <p><i>St Columba's</i> "Street Library in the Church" is opening this weekend! Looking for books to promote reading and literacy.</p> <p><i>Community Garden</i> News from our community garden – the herbs are ready for harvesting!</p>	-
<p><u>Liturgy</u></p> <p>-</p>	-
<p><u>Communications</u></p> <p>To move and second the previous meeting minutes: Moved by: Carmel Reid Seconded by: Vasile Tiano</p>	
<p>Other business</p> <p>Advertising a vacancy in the council. Vasile also suggested writing in the bulletin - a message of appreciation to express our thanks and gratitude for Chantal Nguyen's contribution on the council and wishes for her future. This was unanimously agreed upon.</p>	<p>Adrian and Vasile write a message. As well to follow up and provide any updates.</p>

Meeting closed: 8.00 pm

Next meeting: Tues 16th Oct. 2018, 7.30 pm, St Columba's meeting room