



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

Parish Council
MEETING MINUTES

Tues. 26th November. 2019, 7.40 pm
St Columba's Parish Hall Meeting Room

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome, opening prayer and reflection:	
Opening prayer by Bernard Ryan	-
2. Attendance / Apologies:	
<u>Present:</u> Bernard Ryan, Adrian Overs, Carmel Reid, Nicola Connors, Vasile Tiano, Therese Pacey, Jennifer Cheal (via phone) @ 7.44pm Renata Popovic-Tomac @ 7.45pm <u>Apologies:</u> Dan O'Brian, David Hair, Fr Peter	Vasile
3. Minutes of the previous meeting to be moved:	
Moved by: Carmel Second by: Therese Pacey	Adrian
4. Business arising from previous meeting:	
i) Church Podcast Update	
Jennifer to select a host site and to start recording. Recording will be used and tested to see if everything works. Jennifer will continue and update the Parish Council.	Nicola to speak to Marcia Jennifer to select a supplier to upload audio
4. Business arising from previous meeting:	
ii) Church Organ/Piano Update	
The current electric piano at the parish serves its purpose and does not need to be updated. Vasile Tiano has been in contact with a few individuals and organisations about investing in a church organ. First: Email and Phone communication Joy Pardey. Joy stated that the current piano is fine and serves its purpose.	Vasile to follow up

St Columba's Parish use to own a pipe organ many years ago and warmly stated it would be a lovely idea to invest in an organ. It would be great to have one. Joy stated it would be used every Saturday evenings, Easter, and Christmas. Joy said it can be used for special parish events and family masses. As well for special school events.

Secondly:

Vasile search the Internet with current list of second hand organs. A lot of spare parts and older units. Vasile raised the risk investing in an organ that may not work or constantly needs updates/repairs.

Thirdly:

Vasile spoke to with two leading classical music directors about church organs in Australia which lead to All Organs Australia Pty Ltd. Vasile contacted a representative from this company and received an email: see attachment. 1

The company also attached a current list of church organs around NSW.

Vasile stated he believes it will be a good investment for the future for education and for parish events.

Questions:

Do current (electric) organs have usb inputs? Can audio/music be recorded or pre-recorded?

Vasile to follow up with further information: Present a summary of what we want to do/present to finance committee. Find out appropriate size, style and location where an organ can be placed. Proposal to finance including figures.

5. Nominations for current positions:

To disband the current Parish Council positions and members:

Motion moved by Carmel Reid

Seconded by: Therese Pacey

All positions are now disbanded.

Nominations for positions are open.

David Hair prefer not to stand for Chairperson or Secretary, however wishes to stay on the Parish Council.

Positions filled:

Liturgy: Therese Pacey

Social Justice: David Hair

Communication: Jennifer Cheal

<p>Social Committee: This position to be moved for next year</p> <p>Position for Chairperson: Outgoing Chairperson: Adrian Overs Incoming Chairperson: Renata Popovic-Tomac</p> <p>Adrian overs stated he will stay on the Parish Council until notice. Vasile Tiano did nominate for the position of Chairperson however agreed Renata would be best fit.</p> <p>Position for Secretary: Vasile Tiano Vasile Tiano agreed to continue to stay on the council and remain in the position as Secretary.</p> <p>Current members on the Parish Council: Adrian Overs, David Hair, Vasile Tiano, Therese Pacey, Jennifer Cheal, & Renata Popovic-Tomac</p> <p>Outgoing: Carmel Reid</p> <p>Propose for the current position(s) to be filled. For positions not filled to be brought up at the next meeting(s).</p> <p>Motion moved by: Vasile Tiano Seconded by: Carmel Reid</p>	
6. Social Justice Diary Update:	
<p>A subcommittee has been formed to organise the event, but it has not yet met. The theme of the event (or events) will be an Aboriginal issue or issues. The subcommittee will take advice on this from experts in the field. No date or dates have been set yet but probably not before June 2020. The intention is to invite members of neighbouring parishes to the event(s) via their social justice groups. I expect there will be an update on all this at our next meeting on December 4th 2019.</p>	David to update
7. Parish Event in 2020: Focus on Indigenous issues:	
<p>Null.</p>	David to update
8. School report moved by: Vasile Tiano Seconded by: Renata Popovic-Tomac	
<p>Table by Bernard Ryan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was announced today to the school community that in 2020 Year 5 and 6 will be operating together as a stage 3 class. Our predicted school enrolment for 2020 is 183. This is a high point for our school in terms of enrolment figures in recent times • St. Columba’s has been accepted into the Newman Gifted Education Program for 2020. This is a recognition for the work that the school 	-

does in identifying students who are gifted in different domains and catering for their learning needs.

- Our P&F held a very successful dinner dance at the end of Term 3 at Le Montage. A great night was held by all and the auctions on the night raised valuable funds for the school.
- Our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass is being held on Friday 13th December at 9.15am. Following Mass there will be a thank you morning tea in the hall. Parishioners are welcomed to attend.
- School finishes on Wednesday 18th December for the school.

9. Parish sub-committee updates:

i. Social Committee:

This is Carmel Reid last report.

The new Parish Council thanks Carmel for her service and involvement in the Parish Council.

14th December 2019 Christmas.

ii. Social Justice / Reaching out to others:

Not a lot to report. Members of the SJ Group have been volunteers in the Sydney Street Feast (St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, November 15), the Persian Cafe at the Refugee Welcome Centre, Callan Park (November 23/4), and with organising the continuing donations to the Jesuit Refugee Service. There will be speakers from JRS at each Mass on December 7/8 to thank the members of the parish for their support through this year. As well as discussed in item 6.

iii. Liturgy:

Meeting on the 30th. Focused on preparations on Christmas and Masses.

Bernard stated some other parishes around the area sends out gift card on baptismal date. Parish should do something similar. Parish Council interested in perusing this option in 2020.

Nicola stated an advent prayer group (will be sent out to parishioners) participate – two evening sessions.

iv. Communications:

Podcast soon up to date.

Renata to send photos with Bishop Brady (Parish and Dinner).
New updates on Parish Council and positions via communications (website and bulletin) - Jennifer

New Items:

<p>First meeting for 2020: 4th February 2020.</p> <p>Vasile to update future dates – every six weeks on a Tuesday.</p> <p>Future social justice diary to parish sub-committee updates under social justice. Item to be deleted.</p> <p>Vasile & Renata to finalise a message on behalf of the current Parish Council</p> <p>New updates on Parish Council and positions via communications (website and bulletin) - Jennifer</p> <p>Renata suggested a new Parish Plan for 2020. As well, Plenary Council & Parish 2020 as an issue for the Parish Council.</p>	<p>Vasile, Renata, and Jennifer</p>
<p>Meeting closed at 9.09pm</p> <p>Next meeting: 4th February 2020. St Columba's Parish Hall meeting room.</p>	