



ST COLUMBA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH • LEICHHARDT NORTH

Parish Council
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 4th February 2019, 7.33 pm
St Columba's Parish Hall Meeting Room

ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome, opening prayer and reflection:	
Opening prayer by Fr. Peter (from A prayer from Pope Francic, 2018 Message for the 52nd	No action required
2. Attendance / Apologies:	
<p><u>Present:</u> Bernard Ryan, Adrian Overs, Nicola Connors, Vasile Tiano, Therese Pacey, Jennifer Cheal, Renata Popovic-Tomac, David Hair, Tino Mian (outside guest)</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u> Nil.</p>	No action required
3. Minutes of the previous meeting to be moved:	
Moved by: Adrian Second by: Jennifer	No action required
4. New Member	
<p>Renata introduced Tino Mian to the Parish Council. Tino Mian indicated he would like to be a member of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Parish Council members accepted Tino into the Parish Council unanimously.</p>	No action required
4. Business arising from previous meeting: i) Church Podcast Update	
<p>Jennifer stated that the podcast is currently working. Quality of audio is fantastic via Dictaphone. The current free hosting service that is being used is working quite well for the podcast audio. Jennifer stated the free hosting service is a temporary home for the episodes. After 5 (free) hours of audio is utilised it is possible to continue with such provider or move to another hosting provider.</p> <p>Parish Council member agreed we are ready to go live when we feel the</p>	Vasile – Music Jennifer – to update with current

<p>podcast should be 'live' i.e. audio introduction, structure of podcast, podcast briefs/information layout/structure, and artwork.</p> <p>Adrian raised the notion of the public image of the Parish Council when we have guest speakers or "political talks" from guest speakers. What is our image at St. Columbas?</p> <p>A few ideas were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Artwork: St Columbas Logo artwork. Vasile or Jennifer to ask Marcia for image, jpeg, file. - Music: Vasile to provide 5-10s introduction music for the podcast. Vasile to send two-three options at next meeting. - Where to embed podcast on parish website: include it to the publication. - Which mass to record: 8am or 10am Sunday Mass - Information to include for each episode: brief writing/information about the recorded podcast/audio - <p>Further questions raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should we record when Fr. Peter away: when Fr. Peter is away, the Parish should ask the celebrant if they would like to be recorded. - Writing in the bulletin: "the homily on X day & time is being recorded for the Parish podcast" etc. - When to go live – after everything is correct and running smoothly. 	
<p>5. Business arising from previous meeting: ii) Church Organ/Piano Update</p>	
<p>Vasile stated he had a meeting with Jim Clinch from All Organs on 28 Jan 2020. Vasile raised that selected organs have usb inputs.</p> <p>Vasile stated if audio backing tracks needed or supporting music needed the current audio interface in the parish is sufficient. The organ that was discussed, Allens, have MIDI interface. As well some audio/music be recorded or pre-recorded - Hymn Player.</p> <p>An organ can be placed near the current electric organ. The size is approx. W: 128cm x H: 106cm.</p> <p>Vasile raised that two extra speakers will need to be installed with mounting brackets. Speaker and brackets can be colours with existing colour of wall – white.</p> <p>Vasile raised that he is waiting for a draft quote/proposal from this organisation.</p>	<p>Vasile to follow up. Set up meeting with installer.</p>

5. Parish Event in 2020: Focus on Indigenous issues:	
David raised that a subcommittee at the Social Justice Group was formed. A direction to this parish event in 2020 will take fruition during or after a social justice meeting on the 5 th February 2020.	David to update.
8. School report moved by: Vasile Tiano Seconded by: Adrian	
<p>Table by Mr. Bernard Ryan.</p> <p>School resumed for students in Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday 29 January. Our new Kindergarten students began on Thursday 30 January. We have welcomed 28 new students in Kindergarten. At present, our school enrolment stands at 181 students.</p> <p>We have welcomed two new staff members to our community, Mrs Angela Smith who is teaching Year 3 and is also our new Religious Education Coordinator, and Mr Aubrey Curley, who is teaching Year 4.</p> <p>Our Opening School Mass will be held on Friday 7th February at 9.15am.</p> <p>A Welcome Disco for all children will be held on Friday 21 February in the Hall</p> <p>Catholic Schools Week runs from 2 - 6 March. Our school 'Open Day' is on Thursday 5 March from 9.00am till 11.00am and also 3.30pm to 5.00pm.</p> <p>Carpet has replaced the cork floor tiles in the infants' shared space. This work was carried out in January and has improved both the durability and lowered the noise level in the area.</p>	No action required
9. Parish sub-committee updates:	
<p>i. <u>Social Committee:</u> Position as social committee representative is open and there is no current update.</p> <p>ii. <u>Social Justice Group / Reaching out to others:</u> David stated there will be a meeting on the 5th February. The SJG will focus on its central event 'Parish Event in 2020: Focus on Indigenous'. The meeting will also discuss other themes/events to focus on like refugee day, world day of the poor etc.</p> <p>Fr. Peter raised a notice of motion from Inner West Council. Notice of motion was taking action on poverty in the Inner West. Simon Watts communicated with Fr. Peter if a member/representative from the Parish would like to have a discussion – perspectives on the issue.</p>	<p>Therese to update on the liturgy group at the next meeting.</p> <p>Jennifer on communications</p>

<p>Parish Council members agree this should be discussed further with SJG or other organisations like Vinnies.</p> <p>iii. Liturgy: Therese stated there will be a meeting soon – discussions about upcoming events.</p> <p>iv. Communications:</p> <p>Vasile commented that new profile photos and information about the Parish Council sound be updated. This including current roles/positions.</p> <p>Tino mentioned that the current Parish website needed to be updated - clean up the website for 2020 – and relevant.</p>	
New Items:	
<p>Fr. Peter raised the notice of the attached document to the agenda: Bishop Terence Brady – Parish Visitation of St. Columba & Parish document.</p> <p>Fr. Peter asked if there was anything Parish Council members would like to discuss about the received document. ‘Parish 2020’ entry was raised by the Parish Council members, especially the words “remain free standing”.</p> <p>Fr. Peter mentioned a close family’s daughter is at residence. No Parish funds or resources will be used during their short stay.</p> <p>Fr. Peter commented that maintenance at his current residence will continue.</p> <p>Fr. Peter praised Jennifer and Vasile with their research and effort in the Parish Council – podcast and organ.</p>	No action required
<p>Meeting closed at 9.09pm</p> <p>Next meeting: 17th March 2020. St Columba’s Parish Hall meeting room.</p>	