

St Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 15th February 2017

Present

Fr Conroy, Elizabeth McQuade, Laura Banks, Ann Duggan, Ian Murray, Brian McKenna, John Duffy, Monica McDonnell

1 & 2. Welcome and opening prayer

Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the meeting. Fr Conroy opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mairi Therese Cleary, Gillain Docherty, Sandra Sheridan and Veronica Adam

4. Minute of Meeting 23rd November 2016

The Minutes of the last meeting were then approved by Elizabeth McQuade and seconded by Fr Conroy.

5. Matters Arising From the Minutes

(a) - Parish Clustering - February Meeting

The meeting did not go ahead as expected. This meeting was to arrange the next joint spiritual event, which will be the Penitential Service on Tuesday the 11th of April, in St Patricks in the morning and St Peters in the evening. As part of the ongoing work the cluster group will undertake they need to understand what groups are active in each parish. An updated Parish Handbook will be given to the cluster group, which contains this information.

(b) – Comments Box

This item will now be removed from the agenda.

(c) – Sub Group Reports

i) – Communication

There is ongoing work for messages to be sent in the coming months, focusing on Lent and Easter. Readings and music have been uploaded to the parish Youtube Channel again with the focus on Lent and Easter. (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeniHfWQWhvNMtyI_9Fu5JQ) There will be a notice in the bulletin regarding the YouTube channel.

ii) – Vision

The Vision group feels that it has lost its way a little and perhaps needs to look at the parish and its needs before refocusing as a group.

d) – Sacramental Preparation Support

This is ongoing in the parish, and continues to be successful, P3 and P4 are continuing to prepare for Reconciliation and Communion respectively. A letter was received from the Diocese in relation to Confirmation, the Archbishop wants to perform all of the Confirmations in the Diocese, to enable this he intends to group schools together and have them go to the Cathedral to be confirmed. The Diocese has put together a preparation course for Confirmation which will be

presented to the Parish Priests shortly. Confirmation preparation was due to begin in the primary school for P6 children, at the moment the intention is to run this alongside the Diocese plan.

e) – Small Faith Groups

The Prayer Shawl group continue to meet and the work that they do is greatly appreciated through the community. The group received more requests for shawls than they can make currently.

f) – Parish Handbook

The Parish Handbook will be printed in small batches and left in the porch for people to take, these will be replenished as and when required.

g) – Evening for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

There was an evening for Eucharistic Ministers in the church on the 8th of December, this was well attended. A similar format of evening for Readers has still to be arranged.

7 – AOB

a) – Station Mass

This will be held in St Peters on the 7th of March

b) – Mass for Still Born Babies

This will be held on the 30th March

c) – Ongoing Maintenance

The frame the bells sit on is being cleaned, primed and re-painted. The new weather protection for the bell tower is already in place. The church house needs a new roof and estimates have been given for this work ranging from £120,000 to £190,000. There is wet rot in the hall, the extent of which is currently unknown. Due to all of these essential repairs the Second collection may start back up again and any other ideas for fundraising would be welcome.

d) – Conversations from America

Fr was approached by an American Christian Society called “Right Now Media” offering access (at a cost) to their online library of Christian materials, including talks, films and books, this would be available to everyone in the Parish. A representative from the group was meant to call and give a demonstration of the website during the PPC meeting, however they failed to call as arranged.

d) – Other Parish Events

Corpus Christi Procession – 18th June
First Communions – 13th and 20th May

8. Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 17th May 2017 at 7:30pm in the hall.

Fr Conroy Closed the meeting with a prayer.