

Sacred Heart PPC Meeting
8.00pm Thursday 5 May 2022
Minutes

Attendees:

Canon John
Father Matthew
Deacon Julian Burling
Sr Dorothy
Eleanor Bowman (Youth Minister)
Annette Campbell-Black
Maria Christopher
Siobhan Heffron
Jude Mariadoss
Ruth Naylor
Rachel Purvis
Chris Woodward (for the Finance Committee)

Apologies:

Father Joe
David Hurst
Anne Waldron (Chair)

1.0 Welcome and apologies

- Apologies from David Hurst, Anne Waldron and Fr Joe.

2.0 Minutes of 7 April meeting

- Chris Woodward shared that he had communicated with Faith in Action and that rough sleeping was now off their agenda as many had found accommodation throughout lockdown therefore the soup run was not needed.
- There may be support needed for the Night Shelter / YMCA .
- ACTION: Chris will write an invitation for volunteers for the newsletter.
- PPC agreed to acknowledge all those who have volunteered and supported these initiatives. ACTION: Chris will write a thank you for the newsletter.
- ACTION: Ruth Naylor to amend minutes and email to Paul to be uploaded to the website.

3.0 Update from Canon John

- Canon John shared that at the last Deanery meeting, there was a discussion around a Deanery Pastoral Council and all parish priests agreed each parish should secure a representative so that all parishes could benefit from this body.
- Canon John recommended the book *Becoming a Pastoral Parish Council: How to make your PPC really useful for the Twenty First Century* by Patricia Carroll. He has bought 6 copies and shared amongst the clergy group and chair.
- ACTION: Canon John to circulate recent Deanery meeting minutes to the PPC
- Maria Christopher asked what the role of the Deanery Pastoral Council would be.
- Canon John explained that the group is a body who brings the lay people of the parishes together. A Sacred Heart parishioner used to attend and host. Canon John explained that there was no immediate action as yet.

4.0 Synod update

- Last Thursday 28 April, members of the PPC met to discuss the parish Synod report. Ruth Naylor has collated the minutes with the agenda for today's meeting.
- It was noted that Eleanor Bowman led an excellent talk on 4 May.
- ACTION: Eleanor to summarise her talk in a 1 page document to share
- A suggestion in the meeting was to have a youth representative on the PPC to ensure that ideas from younger voice in the parish we heard.
- ACTION TBC: To produce and distribute a leaflet about the PPC, what we do, what we need the next time we are recruiting for new PPC members
- Fr Matthew shared that the need to improve the presentation for the Legion of Mary membership/involvement. He has some dates and contacts arranged for presentations at the end of Mass.
- Annette Campbell Black suggested that a 'careers style fair' at the Parish Summer event (June) may be a useful opportunity to recruit more widely. This was agreed to be a good idea and Maria Christopher suggested that we prioritise those groups who need more volunteers.
- MC suggested we focus on 3 points from the Synod report and create an action plan to be more focused.
- ACTION: group who met to communicate further and agree development areas to focus on.

5.0 Parish summer events

- Eleanor Bowman has confirmed that she has received some catering offers for a Sacred Heart Feast Day event on Sunday 26 June, however a coordinator is sought for the event.
- Annette Campbell Black is happy to help
- ACTION: Ruth Naylor to communicate with those who coordinate the Christmas lunch and Easter Hampers. Chris Woodward to approach different organisations/groups who may want to set their own stall up.

6.0 Parish charitable initiatives

6.1 Merton Citizens

- Rachel Purvis and Jude Mariadoss were present at the Merton Citizens Assembly meeting which was well attended. Speakers included two young refugees who spoke well about their experiences. There are opportunities with the Salvation Army that may be helpful for the group to explore further.
- ACTION: Rachel Purvis to circulate the email for any PPC members who may be interested.

6.2 The Heart Project

- Fr Matthew shared an update on the Heart Project. They are looking at simple but effective next steps. 1) Looking at allocating some funds of the sponsorship project to *Homes for Ukraine* 2) Seeking new volunteers for the sponsorship project (approximately 15 people are needed for a 12-month period – a recruitment drive will be required).
- ACTION: Fr Matthew to prepare a presentation for seeking volunteers to be shared in Sunday Masses.

6.3 Parish renovation

- Canon John shared that the Archbishop has asked the Vicar General to progress the Sacred Heart Church renovation. Canon John will be emailing to set a meeting. This is being regarded now as a top priority.

7.0 AOB

- Chris Woodward confirmed that a normal offertory will resume.
- Siobhan Heffron reported that, due to another engagement, Sacred Heart Primary will be unable to support the Parish Summer Event on Sunday 26 June. Siobhan will liaise with Eleanor Bowman re: artwork or ways that the school can support prior.
- Sacred Heart Primary will be celebrating the feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday 24 June with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul Hendricks. The postponed 90th celebrations (2020) will no longer go ahead and they look forward to the centenary year in 2030.

8.0 Date of next meeting and roles

- Thursday 9 June 2022.