

ST GREGORY'S PARISH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL {PPC} MEETING

Tuesday 1 February 2022

6.00 – 7.30pm – Zoom Meeting

MISSION: Our Parish is a vibrant community inviting everyone to encounter Christ.

Our mission is to go and make disciples, to be a servant to each other and to be a people who reach out to those in need.

We are guided by the life of Jesus, sustained by the love of God and inspired by the light of the Holy Spirit.

MINUTES

Members: Selina Stanford, Chair; Fr Troy Bobbin, Parish Priest; Mel Unwin, Deacon Don Nguyen; David Sealey; Benji and Sheryl Reyes; Elenore Karpfen, Parish Finance Council; Michaeli O'Brien, Secretary

Apologies: Gretchen Bell; Elizabeth Holland, Veronica Hall, School Representative,

Welcome: Selina

Selina welcomed participants and advised that due to return of the school year Veronica was an apology for the meeting and wished all the teachers and students successful return to the school year.

Selina advised that Elizabeth Holland is unable to continue her tenure on the Council.

Gretchen Bell has also advised that she will be unable to assist with the regular Council meetings and stepping down from the PPC.

The PPC wish to acknowledge and thank sincerely the work of Elizabeth and Gretchen during their time as council members. Further discussion on PPC membership was had under Agenda Item 3.

Acknowledgement of Country

Selina

Come Holy Spirit - All

Opening prayer:

Mel

1. November meeting minutes Were accepted as presented.

Moved and accepted: Elenore Karpfen **Second by:** David Sealey

2. Outstanding action items

2.1 Faith Learning pathway document –Selina and Elenore have drafted ideas – with ***no further progress or action*** required at this stage.

2.2 'Connecting with Parishioners' a prayer card has been printed, using artwork of a St Greg's teacher. Troy to talk with Michaeli around drafting wording and prayer for inside the card. An electronic version of the card will also be developed and sent to parishioner's email addresses.

ACTION: The cards will be sent by email or mail {for those who don't have an email address} from the parish office by the end of February.

- 2.3 Laudato Si - Caring for Creation movement –
ACTION: Selina and Troy to draft parish response.

3. PPC Administration

- 3.1 Troy advised that tenure for membership of the Pastoral Council is due for renewal. A discernment evening and evening of reflection will be held Thursday 24 February at the St Gregory's school hall Molonglo Street. Discussion and outline of the roles and commitment of council members is proposed.

ACTION: PPC members interested in continuing to attend the discernment evening, a notice to be put in the bulletin seeking new volunteers to join the PPC.

4. Priority – Invitation {Goal 1: Encounter}

- 4.1 Changes to the exterior of the church – feedback will be sought from parishioners in regards to a mosaic near the front steps to the church and on the belltower.

ACTION: Troy to advise of information evening with the artist to provide parishioners with an explanation of her draft concept. A notice seeking feedback will be placed in the bulletin for parishioners to offer their preferences.

5. Priority – Welcome {Goal 1: Encounter}

- 5.1 Welcome back to church events are being organised. Troy and Mel are currently planning small events to encourage small groups to come out and gather together again. These will be advertised weekly in the parish bulletin, the first being Arboretum Parish picnic Saturday 19 February.

- 5.2 Troy is planning other small events throughout 2022 to include families (eg. a car rally, bike ride & picnic).

ACTION: Mel and Michaeli {with input from Parish Office} to put together a calendar of events for 2022 that will also include the dates of the sacraments.

- 5.3 It was also agreed that re-instigating morning tea after 9am mass would be welcomed by parishioners wanting to gather together again.

- 5.4 At the previous PPC meeting Scott spoke to an idea that he had about a large community gathering, which was supported by the PPC. His idea is to have a parish open day to showcase the vibrance of our community, that we are a fun group to be a part of. His thoughts are for an event from about 10am – 2pm with games, rides, prizes, food and fundraising activities.

ACTION: The PPC to discuss again regarding organising such an event.

6. Priority – Faith Learning {Goal 2: Participate}

- 6.1 2022 Sacrament parent information evenings will commence beginning of March and are now being held at the church. The move from the school hall to church environment as it is viewed that the church is more spiritually engaging and welcoming. There has been good attendance at the information evenings in the past and we are encouraging and hoping for good parent participation. These information evenings will be held for each of the sacraments throughout the year.

- 6.2 There are two Lenten programs proposed: **Remember** {Wollongong based program} and **The Spirit and the Cross** {Brisbane based program} – a flyer has been drafted for distribution to parishioners to encourage to present ourselves to our creator God. First, to give him praise and glory for all that he has done for us, and to ask him to guide our minds and hearts during forty days of Lent.

- 6.3 Also being considered, is to hold a Walkathon supporting Caritas-Project Compassion and highlighting the needs of the poor and suffering. Raise

awareness of students and adults of the work of Caritas. There is a new three year campaign “Together we” –“communities of care”.

7. Reports:

7.1 School Update – report from Veronica

7.1.1 An apology from Veronica as return Day 1 to school had commenced.

7.2 Finance report – report from Elenore

Elenore gave a summary of the parish financial performance report.

7.1 Parish

7.1.1 There are quite a few activities being progressed and organised in the parish that have been reported throughout the meeting.

ACTION: Troy and Michaeli to work with PPC members and parish office staff to progress the work identified for the parish.

7.2 Work, Health and Safety – there are no hazards or incidents to report.

ACTION: Michaeli and Troy to confirm with Lorraine any work, health and safety incidents prior to PPC meeting.

8. Other Business

No other business.

Closing prayer :

Sheryl

Next meeting: 1 March 2022