

ST MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

12th May 2015

Opening

The May meeting of St Mary's Parish Pastoral Council for 2015 commenced at 7.35pm on Tuesday, 14th April 2015 in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

1. Opening Prayer

Anne Kotsiakos led the opening prayer and reflection.

2. Welcome

3. Present

Doug Black (Chair), Clem Mulcahy, Christine Sebire, Barbara Green, Kerry McLoughlan, Olivia Gregory, Michael Delaney, Dave Callanan, Anne Kotsiakos and Jen Mayes.

4. Apologies

Fr Des, Brendan Atley, Denise Morgan,

5. Correspondence

- **In** – Doug read emails from Fr Des & Denise with their responses in relation to future directions of PPC after the PPC Formation Day
- **Out** – Nil

6. Focus Session

A reflection and discussion took place on the PPC Formation Day. Doug relayed encouraging and informative feedback from Phil Billington regarding the St Marys Echuca PPC.

We then reviewed our **strengths** as a PPC.

This was followed by a review of our **challenges** as a PPC and a Parish.

There was a discussion as to whether we should consider changing the name of the Parish Pastoral Council – specifically the term “Council” but the general consensus was not to change it.

We discussed the fact that there was a need to focus on what “social justice” really is and it was generally agreed that, although we have a specific Social Justice committee, there are a myriad of social justice roles that Parish and Parishioners are performing through a Parish Group or individually on a daily basis.

We discussed the possibility of holding a Parish “expo” or information session where all of the Parish Groups have a table and people can have a cuppa and

browse from table to table and see if they might be interested in one or more ministries. This could maybe done at the end of one or two Masses – particularly a Come and See Mass.

We discussed the roles of the PPC and what our focus should be in the ensuing 2-3 years.

Doug asked everyone to note their 3 major goals for the PPC Pastoral Plan going forward in an email to him before the next meeting and we will then try to develop an overall Strategic Plan and an Annual Action Plan after analysis of those goals. Michael suggested that we utilise the S.M.A.R.T philosophy for evaluating those goals and objectives:

Specific....Measurable Achievable Relevant Time-Oriented

Michael will further explain this way of evaluating future goals at the next meeting.

We need to have photos and brief profiles for each of the PPC members posted on the website and at the back of the Church.

7. Reports

St Mary's School: No report submitted.

Pastoral Associates: Christine gave a verbal report including a Come & See update and Sacramental program report that has 57 participants....the highest number for a very long time. Anne added further to this report.

St Joseph's College: Michael gave a brief report.

Men ALIVE - report from Doug. 160 flyers posted to men within and outside the Parish for the menALIVE weekend in Echuca on 13-14th June. Letters sent to Parish Priests and Matt and Doug will give presentations at all Masses this weekend including a 3 minute DVD.

Christine also reported that the CWL are hosting a Conference on Wednesday 20th May. Soup & slices are needed and any help on this would be greatly appreciated.

Clem reported that he had attended a Year of Consecrated Celebrations meeting hosted by Fr Peter Austin in Rochester as a representative of our Parish. Preparations and planning are ongoing.

8. General Business

Minutes of Previous Meeting: 14th April 2015. Approved by Doug Black and Seconded by Barb Green.

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The focus of the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday June 9th 2015 will be the discussion, evaluation and the setting of our goals for the future.

It was agreed that we start the meeting earlier so we can cover all that we need to. So the next meeting will begin at 7.00pm on Tuesday June 9th .

10. Prayer Leader

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Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Minutes approved: Doug Black 22nd May 2015