RC PARISH OF CROWTHORNE AND SANDHURST

Minutes of the PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting held on Thursday 18 October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Immaculate Conception hall

Present: Darwin Bagalacsa, Daniela Chapman, Lawrence Gaffney (Chair), Bob Garcia, Rita Paxton and Sue Niblett (Minutes).

Opening Prayers

1. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Father Marcus, Cyn, Margaret and Moira.

2. Agree Previous Minutes

The draft Minutes of the previous meeting of 6 September 2018were approved.

3. Actions

4.c. Youth – Flame Congress (6.6.18) – at Wembley Arena on 2 March 2019. Ongoing. **(Action Rita).**

4.g. Christian Community (26.7.18) – the two generators loaned to the Sandhurst Baptist minister are stored at his house and Paul Bird will help Rita collect and return them to the parish shed. Closed.

4.a. Parish Pastoral Update/Liturgy (6.9.18.) **-** most of the altar servers attended the diocesan Day for Altar Servers at the Christ the King Church in Reading on Saturday 13 October. Closed.

4.b. Outreach, Justice & Peace (6.9.18.) – rechecks have started on everyone who was previously DBS checked. Closed.

4.e. Catechesis (6.9.18.) **–** 5 people will be attending the annual Formation for Mission Day for Catechists in the Cathedral on Saturday 20 October. Closed.

7.a. Issues for this meeting/Review of PPC (6.9.18.) – now an Agenda item. See 7.a. below. This Action closed.

4. Parish Pastoral Update

a. Liturgy – nothing to report.

b.Outreach, Justice & Peace – as with all other parishes in the Diocese, we are meant to buy Fairtrade products, but this has lapsed in recent years. It was suggested that a brand of coffee called "Coffee By Sea", which supports a seafarers' charity, be taste-tested at the next PPC Meeting. All agreed. **(Action Rita).**

c. Youth – See Agenda item 5b.below - nothing further to report.

d. Social& Communication – there was only modest interest in the Safari Supper on Saturday 3 November although those who did attend had a great time. The event will be repeated next year and hopefully support will be stronger. A tentative date for the Quiz Night is Saturday 2 February 2019. (Update: now Saturday 26th January 2019.)

e. Catechesis – the next Confirmation programme will start in January 2019 in preparation for Confirmation Day. Both the Wednesday and ThursdayCome Follow Megroups have started and are running well.

f. Pastoral Area – nothing to report.

g. Christian Community – Lawrence will represent the parish at the Sandhurst Memorial Service on Sunday 11 November.

5. Pastoral Initiatives Update

a. The New Evangelisation (Fr Marcus/Rita) – Father Marcus has contacted the Dominican Sisters to enquire about holding a one-day workshop is the parish. He has also made enquiries with Catholic Voices regarding their Reframe programme. As neither party has yet responded, he will be chasing them up.

b. Youth Activities (Bob, Daniela, Rita) – Rita, Bob and Daniela have formed a sub-committee to plan the social gathering which will take place on Friday 14 December, after a special Youth Mass at 6.00pm. It will be in the Immaculate Conception hall for the new Confirmation group and those who were confirmed earlier this year. There will be pizza and drinks and the entertainment will include a photo-booth with fancy props, costing £225 incl.VAT, with a £100 deposit needed. Bob will supply a playlist for background music and perhaps bring his guitar and give impromptu lessons.A generator may be needed. Lawrence offered to help on the night and suggested that others from the Social Committee might also be available. Set-up will need to be in the afternoon before the Mass.The parish will meet all the costs.
This is not a youth group but an opportunity for the new Confirmation candidates to meet one another before the programme starts after Christmas.
Discussion then turned to how we might connect more effectively with all our youth to encourage them to want to meet together more regularly, as previous gatherings have not worked because not enough children came.Suggestions for better communication were to use local social media sites where links to the parish could be set-up; Facebook; leaflet drops to households; and more frequent Newsletter announcements.
Holding a Children's Quiz Night was suggested; and the 'Magic Mirror' at £360 plus VAT; and the African Drums could be booked for future events, although a donation from each family might be requested, or the children could fundraise (e.g. carwash).

6. New Pastoral Initiatives – none.

7 Issues for this meeting

a. Continue Review of PPC – in Father Marcus' absence, those present continued the discussion and made the following recommendations :

(i) How to recruit new members : do not advertise. Members used to be elected but a personal invitation from the Parish Priest is required.
(ii) Remind parishioners that the PPC exists : announce what the PPC is and what it does.
(iii) Ask parishioners what they require of the PPC : run a survey.
(iiii) Regularity of PPC meetings : to be continued at approximately every 6 weeks.
(v) Terms of office : set at 3 years.
(vi) Election and Term of office of Chair : undecided.
(vii) Clarify Constitution of PPC : Sue N to recover old one from files.**(Action Sue).**
(viii) Mission Statement : clarify this and set actions and goals.**(Action Bob).**
(viiii) Suggestions for new PPC members : names to Fr Marcus. **(Action All).**

Lawrence to discuss with Fr Marcus how or if to pursue items (ii) and (iii) above. **(Action Lawrence).**
Provide links to the parish website ("Crowsand") for the "Crowthorne Eye" magazine and the Sandhurst Residents Association website. **(Action Bob).**
"Advertise" our parish in the "welovesandhurst" group on Facebook. **(Action Daniela).**

8. Any other business –

a. "Come Back for Christmas" – a mail shot is a relatively cheap and easy way to reach people. Rita would like this item included in the agenda for the next meeting. **(Action Lawrence).**

9. Date and time of next meeting – Thursday 6 December 2018 at 7.30pm in the Immaculate Conception Church hall.

Closing Prayers

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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