

Minutes of PPC and Finance Committee

10 December 2024

Present: Fr Joy, Adri Widyanto, Stuart Henrys, Benny Tau'alupe, Audrey Seeto, Fr Tikoua, Liza Kallarackel, Amanda Kleiner, Des Tiller, Catherine Vernon, Maria Nunns, Margaret Lundberg, Chris Orsman, Sisilia Joseph

Apologies: Neville Braganza, Kathryn Flynn, Myrna Umali, Evilina Fau'amasili, Felibel Zabala

Insurance:

Benny to work on during the break so a decision can be made in the new year about what we will insure in preparation for review again in April/May with Joanne Gomez from the ADW.

Benny has passed lease and Bowen requirement to Tom Mahony (lawyer) who also works for the ADW for his review.

Privacy:

Elizabeth Berry from ADW is the privacy officer and has provided the parish with the ADW policy. She is happy to be contacted to discuss any concerns.

Recent events:

- Successful Confirmation Mass. Archbishop Paul commented that our group was one of the best. Thanks to the wonderful work of Treena Tiller and her team.
- Successful Youth and Altar Server event held last weekend.
Amanda commented that they had around 30 young people with ages ranging from 8 to 20. There were around 8 altar servers present. Very difficult to manage as a group since each age has different needs. She said it had laid a platform to go forward on although more help will be required!
Youth in Filipino and Tongan communities we all represented.
Thanks to Amanda and her team on the organisation of this.
Photo will go in newsletter.

Upcoming events:

End of year Christmas function this Sunday. Mark Braganza has offered to play piano and Treena has offered to run a "Catholic" Quiz. Parishioners to be reminded to bring a plate. - Catherine

We have 5 entries for the tree and nativity competitions. Prizes will be given out at the celebration – Fr Joy working with Catherine and Maria on this.

The Advent Novena begins on 16th Dec and goes through until 24th Dec.

Advent reconciliation is on 22nd Dec at 2pm

Year of the Jubilee:

Fr Joy presented copies of the Ōtari schedule for the Jubilee Year which has been done with engagement from the wider Pastoral Team. All approved.

Des will take each quarter and work out with the PPC at meetings what support is needed for each event.

It was noted there will be a cost for some events especially retreats. These will have to be factored into the Parish Budget –PPC/ Faith Events Team to provide budget request.

The schedule can be loaded on to the web and the parish calendar –Catherine

Fr Joy said we will have a Jubilee candle that will be lit on 26th January at the start of the inaugural Mass. The Jubilee prayer will be recited at the end of Masses during the year. Banners have also been ordered and will be erected at each church.

Finance Report:

Benny spoke of major work carried out this year:

- BECC Lease finalised.
- Presbytery painting and repairs.
- Fr Joy's bathroom renovation

Finance Committee have formulated a budget to March 2025 but will be finalising a budget for year end 2026 in March.

Planned maintenance will be prioritised as will any other work on the properties.

He spoke of the deficit incurred each month this year and how this pattern will continue unless savings are made or income is increased.

General Business:

Des thanked the PPC team for their work this year amidst interesting challenges and decisions. He also welcomed those new members to the team.

Going forward, Des wants to work with the team on completing a Pastoral Plan which should cover pastoral and capital needs.

Benny thanked Finance team and welcomed new members.

Fr Joy thanked everyone and said his job is made easier by having good people around him.

A photo was taken and will be sent to the Archbishop thanking him and the ADW team for their support. –Catherine.

Fr Joy advised everyone he had purchased Christmas lights for the property at St T. Catherine to ask lawn mowing people when they're coming as lights will have to be temporarily lifted.

It was agreed before we have the AGM next March, we should update parishioners this weekend about the continuing deficit and a quick rundown on what has been achieved this year. Maybe also advise we will be doing another PG drive.

Benny, Des, Margaret and Stuart to discuss for presentation on Sunday 15th.

We can put graphs up in foyers. Catherine to print.

Maria commented that we have to be careful around planned giving. Are we asking current givers to give more or are we asking for new givers?

Comment was made that people always like giving to specific purposes.

All agreed Pastoral Plan must be honest and transparent. This should be taken into account in planning process.

Next Meeting Dates:

PPC 27th January

Liturgy Committee 3rd Feb and Finance Committee 11 February