

St Carthage's Pariah Council (PC)
Minutes of Meeting – 7:30 p.m. Tuesday 16th November 2021
Parish Centre 30 Bayles Street Parkville

Participants: Heather Weedon, Joe Caddy, Constant Mews, Jack Rendle, Michael Pirotta (Finance Committee), Carmel Frost (via Zoom), Judy Benson (via Zoom), Rosemary Sheehan (via Zoom).

Apologies:

Chair: Heather Weedon.

Prayer: Heather Weedon.

Item	Discussion	Action
1. Opening Prayer.	Heather. Words of St Isaac of Nineveh.	
2. Minutes previous mtg.	Previous mins carried. No amendments.	
3. Safety Officer.	Carry over to next month. CAM Professional standards has just employed new personnel for this region. Has offered to reach out and support parishes.	Ro has not been able to make contact with Br Sean McManus fms. Will check contact details with parish data.
4. Plenary Council Update (Joe).	No new material to date. As material is developed, will be posted to website.	
5. Opening of church.		
6. Finance Committee Report (Michael).	Discussion around coordination of music from the talent pool of parishioners. Parish is no longer in a position to pay for visiting artists program. FC has put together budget for 2022 as a group. Looked at expenses for parish. Michael Lewis has worked with Leanne on estimated costs. Put together a tight budget, no expanse. Bernard has gone through planned giving projections. Arrived at small surplus budget for next year. Factoring in no further lockdowns, no visiting artist program and no major repairs or restorations to church or presbytery.	Michael recommends to PC to endorse proposed budget. Overdraft as safety net Joe has put in place as backup. Joe is happy to have weekly giving "on plate" published for transparency.
7. Christmas Masses.	Last year approx. 1600 people attended the outdoor Masses at St Mary's College. We are hoping that by Christmas there will be few to no restrictions. Discussion around trailing the return of carols at 11:30 p.m. followed by midnight Mass.	Marketing opportunity. Advertise well. Come back to Mass. <i>Proposed Mass schedule (to be confirmed with musos):</i> 6:00 p.m. (J&R music). 8:00 p.m. (R&A music). 11:30 Carols & 12:00 a.m. Mass (R&A with music group).

		10:00 a.m. Christmas Day (J&R). Constant to approach musos with Masses and invite to provide music at various Masses. Move toward establishing a Liturgy Committee.
8. Reflections after Eucharist & Discussion Group (Constant).	Constant is able to confirm that he has engaged four speakers for reflections after Eucharist. Going to experiment with idea of having a mix of in person and Zoom. Constant asked about possibility of using parish community centre to hold meetings (7:30 – 8:30 p.m.)	
9. Getting to Know Parishioners (Constant).	Constant proposed inviting parishioners to write a 500 word blurb to introduce themselves. Publish in newsletter and on website. This would become a regular item.	Publish this initiative in newsletter.
10. Coffee following Mass.	Suggested having in back of church and sitting on chairs. Opportunity to formally chat when there are no baptisms on a designated Sunday of the month. Morning teas are to commence	Proposed book church for first Sunday 6 th February.
11. Parish Dinner (Jack)	Parish dinner is booked for SATURDAY 5 th MARCH 2022 at Treacy Centre Parkville. Cost of food is \$XX	Jack to liaise with Treacy Centre. Cost of drinks for 120 people. Cost of music/entertainment. Budget to make \$2000. Jack to set up TryBooking.
12. Equal Opportunity (Carmel)	Further to what has been published at South Yarra parish. Following up on Archbishop Comensoli's letter of 9 November. Write to local member to express disappointment at proposal. Open multi faith letter to Vic Attorney General.	Could this be added to parish newsletter. Interfaith letter. Hardcopies to be made available in church porch.
13. PC Members	Carmel has tendered resignation at end of 2021 due to permanently relocating to Point Lonsdale. A new chair is need for PC for 2022. Meeting dates for 2022.	Meet 4 th February 2022 (as parish dinner in March as well as AGM).

Meeting concluded: 9:15 p.m.

Future meetings:

Tuesday 7th December 2021

Volunteer for reflection next meeting: Constant.