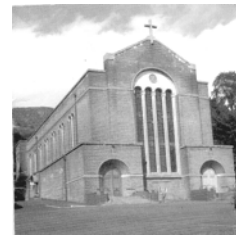


MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting Reference **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Held at **St Gerard's room above the Sacristy**

On **08 March 2009**



Persons attending	Gerry Coghlan (e) Adrian Doherty (e) Paula Donaghy Olivia Marley (e)	Pat McCausland (e) Ita McVeigh (e) Rose Mary Murray Mildred Weiniger
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Apologies	Patricia McBride (e) John McCann (e)	Laureen Mc Fall (e) Laura Teer (e)
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ACTION BY

1.0 Prayer	
Fr Pat, Paul & Gerry said the prayer.	
Fr Gerry, Fr Brendan & Adrian to say the prayer at the next meeting.	Fr Gerry, F Brendan, Adrian
2.0 Minutes of previous meeting	
A notice was placed in the bulletin seeking volunteers for the Church Maintenance Group . No volunteers as yet. Fr Gerry will pursue.	Fr Gerry
PPC photos : Gerry to put up the photo on the notice board (now done).	Gerry
3.0 Drugs and Alcohol Booklet	
Paul has provided a number of posters and booklets for drug and alcohol awareness. The intention is to put up a display in one of the side altars and maybe follow it up with a rotation of posters in the lobby. Fr Gerry will discuss this at the liturgy group and perhaps an hour on a Saturday morning to sort it out. It would be better to have more booklets so that they would be available to take away from the display.	
4.0 Parish Groups	
4.1 Pat updated the PPC on the progress of the SPRED Group . SPRED stands for Special Religious Development. The group has 4 friends and 7 helpers. The ideal numbers would be 6 friends and 8 helpers. They meet weekly on Wednesday evenings in the room above the sacristy. The room is an ideal size for the group but the stairs and lack of a lift causes problems for access. It was hoped that the new parish centre would resolve access problems. However with the delay to that project access remains a significant problem. The group has had a successful year with an annual outing and a parish mass in June. In March 2008 a special 25 year anniversary celebration was held for all the SPRED groups in the Diocese in St Anne's Dunmurry.	

The group expressed its thanks to Fr Brian for his assistance as their spiritual leader. Fr Gerry advised that he would assist in this role now but would only be able to attend meetings occasionally. A copy of the full report is attached to the minutes.

4.2 A discussion was held with regard to all the parish groups and the respective contact names. Paula is finalising the list and it will be sent separately to all.

Paula

4.3 The **Youth Mass** was held on Sunday 1 March and was very successful with 20 young people participating.

4.4 A Woman's World day of prayer was held in Rosemary Church. A group from St Gerard's was invited to attend and did participate.

5.0 Review of Strategic Plan

5.1 Practical Issues : **WEB site**

Fr Gerry advised that there is a person in Clonard who can assist in establishing the WEB site. He will contact him with a view to setting up a starting meeting with the sub group (possibly the 24 March).

Fr Gerry

6.0 Forthcoming meetings

The next meeting is to be scheduled for Sunday 19 April to avoid clashing with Easter Sunday.

AGM to take place on 10 May 2009. The PPC report will need to be tabled at the meeting and presented at masses on Sunday 24 May 2009. The parish meeting should be targeted for Tuesday 2 June or Wednesday 3 June 2009 commencing at 7.30pm. The availability of the hall will need to be checked with Richard and the date for the meeting confirmed.

Millie

7.0 Any Other Business

7.1 **Fr John & Fr Brian**

An evening to thank Fr John & Fr Brian is arranged for 13 March 2009 in the Parish Hall.

Envelopes have been placed at the back of the hall to collect for a present and to seek names of those attending.

As many of the PPC should attend as possible. Gerry advised that he is not able to attend due to a prior commitment.

ALL

7.2 There is a 3 day retreat in Drumalis (Interfaith Workshop) on the 27-29 April. It is a residential course and costs £165.00. If anyone is interested please contact Fr Gerry.

7.3 The PPC annual retreat was not held last year. Fr Gerry will check with Drumalis for possible dates for this year. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Fr Gerry

7.4 Tony Rice is to be finally professed as a Redemptorist this coming Sunday in Marienalla and will hopefully be ordained sometime this year. (see attached article from the Irish Times).

7.5 It was noted that Park Lodge PTA had requested to hold a Youth Disco in the Parish Hall. Fr Gerry advised that this was a matter for the Hall Committee and not the PPC.

8.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Sunday 19 April 2009 at 8.15 in the room above the sacristy.

Gerry Coghlan MOM PC 08-03-09