

MQOF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

February Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date | time 18/02/2021 | 7pm-9pm

In Attendance

Harlane Petersen, Sidney Lazum, Phi Ngugen, Jude Miranda, Father Jack Green, Father Regie Lavilla, Father John Paul Escarlan & Deacon John Cina, Ruth Miranda, Cecil Fernandes

Absent

Joseph & Ashley Azzi, Nathan Fernandes, Eva Cheeteley

Agenda

- Welcome & Opening Prayer – Fr. Regie
- Social Justice Group – Report – Jude B,
- Review minutes & actions from previous meetings
- 2021 Parish Calendar review (includes any other business)
- PPC ongoing faith formation
- Closing Prayer

Welcome

- Fr. Regie opened with a prayer
- Cecil welcomed the team and our Social Justice Group members Jude & Phoebe

Social Justice Group – an update by the President – Jude and Phoebe

- Jude explained the history of the Social Justice Group in our Parish – from 2017 starting with Loaves & Fishes – which was taken over by Vinnies that moved to Davids Lane in Blacktown.
- Jude – President, Cathy – Secretary, ? – Treasurer
- Phoebe gave an update of the programs held in 2020 – Raffles were run before masses and raised some funds – Focus last year was supporting House of Refugees and Jesuit Refugee Service and Christmas Hamper – particularly for the needy from the Sudanese Community. Walked the streets of Blacktown looking out for Homeless. Drink bottle fund raising – financials shared during the meeting
- Jude shared plans for 2021 – repeat of what we did last year – but move forward – continue with House of Welcome Project (where the Refugees come to Australia – largest in NSW) – provide hampers (changed – to be more useful) in March, Jesuit Refugee Service in September and for Christmas it will be the hampers. Small team 10-12 people. Domestic Violence project – it is happening in our Parish – Men in our Parish need to stand up. Need to set up a directory that is accessible to all. Set up Mary's Pantry (similar to Loaves & Fishes project) – ideas include - emergency support to people who turn up at our doorstep – Breakfast packs that go to our schools to students who are struggling. 10 hampers a week @ \$25 available in the Parish. It

could be a Triage facility. Conversation (time) is probably more important than money – it is not about hand-out it is a hand-up. List of items needed tabled at the meeting.

- So many communities in our Parish – we need more members to join the Social Justice group
- We need funding – whatever you give us we will be happy. Fr. John Paul - It is like taxes – you put money in the collection and then we have to return to the people that need it most
- We need a directory going – need place on a Parish website –
- We need a dedicated portion in the bulletin – exposure
- We need a bank account linked with the Parish bank account?
- Jude – “We are a Parish initiative – this is the arm of this Parish”
- PPC team assured the Social Justice Group of the support as a takeaway
 - An immediate page in the bulletin to advertise their needs
 - Space on the website; Space in the church to store their stuff

Minutes & actions from previous meetings

Planning Day actions

- Could the Social Justice Group be our outreach group involved with works of mercy within our Parish? – YES – established at this meeting.
- Jude Miranda put his hand up on behalf of the PPC to talk to the Social Justice Group to be involved in Works of Mercy within the Parish – this will give rise to planning programs with them – meeting dates to be provided – **Action – Completed & Closed**
- Ruth to find out the charity works being done by some of the Prayer Groups and then advertise the same in the bulletin – **Action – Completed & Closed**

2020 previous meetings outstanding actions

- The Statute sub-committee to relook at the 2 statutes raised above and a proposal formulated and presented back to the PPC to be ratified – **Action for the Statute Sub-committee – remains open.**
- Get feedback from the Chancery on our statute changes – **Action for Fr. John Paul.**
- Send a letter to the Parishioner with an invitation to meet & discuss feedback provided on Fr. Regie & the PPC report – Fr. John Paul; - **Completed & Closed** – Fr. Regie met with the parishioner for 2 hours
- Seek to book Mulgoa for 16th Jan’21 – Fr. Regie – **Completed & Closed**
- Seek to engage Robert Haddad as a resource to support our formation – Joe - **Completed & Closed**
- Create a roster of PPC members giving personal witness of using FORMED as a form of promotion = start from Nov’29th onwards – covering every mass at least once in the 4 weeks – 29th evening mass of the Deanery to be covered by Gabrielle (Jude & Ruth’s daughter) - Ashley - **Completed & Closed**
- Ensure Vinnies Conference is added to the list of ministries in the Bulletin – Cecil to fup with Anne – **still Open – Action for Cecil to follow-up if they are part of our parish etc. ?**
- Talk to the various ministries listed in the Parish Bulletin and find out the outreach activity they are doing and add this to the Bulletin – Ruth – had spoken to Tehilla group and they had a write up in the bulletin, Legion of Mary, Josephite groups were also followed-up, few more ministries to be followed up – **still Open**
- Have a notice board for the Ministries - where their information can be displayed? – **Ruth & Fr. Regie**
- Invite more families to assist in the Baptism ministry – Ruth – **still Open**
- Get additional support for Children’s Liturgy Ministry – Ruth M – **still Open**
- Continue to read the Evangelii Nuntiandi & reflect internally – Whole Team
- Explore the possibilities to amalgamate the Legions of Mary of the Sudanese community and the normal Legion of Mary ministry in our Parish – PPC members

Review of Parish Calendar for the year

- Purpose of discussing this calendar is to get a feel for all the activities happening in the Parish during the year, and to ensure that they are moving in line with our Parish objectives or to see if there are other things we want to add or do some sequencing.
- This Parish Calendar has used the Liturgical calendar as a basis
- Major activities organised by colour – green for ordinary time etc.
- Fr. John Paul spoke about the formation of mens group called - Thank God its Fathers (TGIF) – a gathering of spiritual fathers, married fathers, future fathers once a month as a social gathering but with some structure. Possible future leaders for this ministry have been spoken to include– Deacon John, Jude Miranda – will be launched on March 19th.
- Deacon John spoke about the importance of men getting together and linked the conversation with Domestic Violence where men are to blame 75% of the time.
- Jude M talked about how beneficial it was when men came together in a structure “Men Alive” .
- Next AGM will be held on 12th September’21.
- Parish Feast Day on Saturday 21st August and Novena for 9 days before that starting on 12th Aug. – need to adjust in Parish calendar – **Action Fr. Regie**
 - Separate Feast Day in the morning – Novena prayer incorporated into every mass.
- 23rd May – Pentecost community celebration to be organised as a PPC initiative – ideas include invite local choirs (one at a time), have food, community building, create a program showcasing different cultures, and present at the next meeting – **Action for Cecil & Fr. Regie**

Youth update

- Youth Council met on 12th Feb as per the structure announced previously – no program articulated – so the next meeting on 13th Mar t(the different age group) leaders will articulate a program for the different age groups and the frequency.
- Youth led mass on 28th Feb 5.30 evening – KYC Leaders will be commissioned on that day
- 5th Mar – 1st Friday – Adoration and Stations of the Cross – led by the youth
- Parish Youth Pilgrimage – Cathedral & Mary McKillop shrine planned in March.
- The Youth Council is not just advisory but a working group.
- Youth Minister to attend the PPC meetings for the first 30 mins and give the PPC an update – Fr. John Paul to ensure

PPC Ongoing Formation

- Don’t repeat the reading that we did last year
- Use the videos on FORMED - 20 mins for spiritual formation and have a quick discussion
- Suggestions include St. Joseph, Mother Mary etc.

Any other business

- Every Friday – 6.30 start with Exposition – Followed by Stations of the Cross – Followed by Benediction and then mass at 7.30pm.
- Ruth was overwhelmed at the Ash Wednesday mass by the number of people – we could expect similar crowds – suggestion to have QR Code (NSW) and somebody with doing the count – as a suggestion to ensuring people move in quickly and also we are aware how many people are present.
- 12th March – PPC are organizing the Stations of the Cross – Ruth to lead.
- Closing Prayer – by Fr. Regie.