

Attendance:

Fr Regie L, Harlane P, Tom G, Deacon John, Blake B, Sidney L, Beato P, Michael Z

Apologies:

Cecil F, Fr Chadi I, Eva C, Jude M, Ekhlal

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer, Welcome & Follow-up of actions
2. St. Pat's Church Roof Discussion – Michael Zerafa
3. Pentecost celebration discussion (include lessons learnt from Lenten & Easter Celebrations)
4. Any other business
5. Closing Prayer

Opening Prayer, Welcome & Follow-up Actions

- Fr Regie said an opening prayer to start the meeting and welcomed everyone present. Informed the meeting that Beato will chair the meeting in the absence of Cecil the PPC chairman.
- Beato thanked Fr Regie and confirmed PPC members who sent their apologies such as Cecil, Fr Chadi, Eva and Jude. There was no message from Ekhlal. Also, welcomed and thanked Michael Z of Finance Com for attending the meeting.
- Agenda was read out and proceeded with follow-up of actions:
 - Acceptance of the 22nd Feb PPC meeting minutes by Harlane and seconded by Fr Regie. Acceptance of the 17th March PPC meeting minutes by Harlane and seconded by Sidney.
 - MQOF Garden - Sidney reported that he did not have the opportunity to discuss with Alvin and Dominic. Fr Regie commented that we will leave the garden as is for now, Sidney will remain as their contact person for the MQOF Garden and the meeting agreed to close this action.
 - Fellowship, tea/coffee after the 9:30 AM mass at St Michael and 10:00 AM mass for St Patrick. It was suggested to ask and roster sponsors for coffee/tea after these masses to give opportunity to groups and ministries to participate and give them opportunity to promote their group/ministry. Fr Regie asked the meeting if the Parish Team will do this. It was agreed for the Parish Team to announce and roster the sponsors. Sidney volunteered to coordinate with Len Cruz who is dealing with the 10:00 AM mass fellowship and Beato to coordinate with Vicky and Renu for the 9:30 AM mass at St Michael.
 - It was agreed to continue the PPC involvement in the Welcome Ministry at each weekend masses with following volunteers:

- 5:30 pm Saturday mass at St Patrick – TBA
- 7:00 am & 10:00 am mass at St Patrick – Sidney and Ekhlalas
- 8:00 am Sunday mass at St Michael's – Beato
- 9:30 am Sunday mass at St Michael's – Eva
- 5:30 pm Sunday Mass at St Patrick – Blake & Youth
- 6:00 pm Sunday mass at St Michael's – Harlane & Beato

St Patrick's Church roof discussion

- Michael gave an update of the situation. There were some engineers and architect volunteers who will look at the situation and will make recommendation on how best the roof can be fixed. There is an issue of the Building Plan of the church cannot be located. Councilor Kathy managed to locate a copy from Blacktown Council but it is in an A4 plan and no much details of the church structure and design. They will try to enlarge the plan and will be referred to the volunteers engineer and architect. There are some options to be considered in fixing the roofing, a detailed option cannot be worked out until the building plan issues is settled. Michael also presented options they looked into on how we can finance the roof project. PPC reiterated its support to Finance Committee to go all out or have big launch of the church roof project appeal once we have the definite options and costings.

Pentecost celebration discussion

- Fr Regie informed the meeting that there is a committee on the Pentecost celebration on 5th June 2022. There will be a novena leading to Pentecost day, a multi-cultural program and presentations after the 10:00 am mass, there will be a multi-cultural food festival featuring Maltese, Indians, Sudanese, Filipino, Australians. The Filipino Chaplaincy will set-up the Marquees with tables for the food stalls along the School fence similar to the set-up during Fr Regie's installation as Parish Priest, also the Filipino group committed to have their famous roasted pork (lechon) in their food stall. The program/presentation will be done at the schoolground. Sidney and the Men's Group were requested to provide marshall and order to the celebration. Ged informed PPC for the assistance in contacting the Parish groups and ministries to participate in the celebration. (Cecil to action)

Any other business

- Beato mentioned that a 7 page letter was received from a Parishioner raising his issues/problems to PPC. Cecil on behalf of PPC sent a reply letter to that Parishioner.
- Deacon John expressed his frustrations in getting the Sudanese males to be more active in Parish activities, he joked that most of them just want to be a "boss".
- Parishioners count - there is a plan to do church attendance count in all masses. Fr Regie will clarify with Diocese as to when we will do the counting.
- Harlane mentioned that the Legion of Mary is proposing to have flyers to invite people around the area to go to church and members of Legion of Mary will do

house to house and distribute the flyers. Fr Regie will request the Parish Team to prepare the flyer.

- Church financial status - there was a suggestion to publish in the church bulletin maybe once a month the status of church collection and the operating cost of the parish. This might touch our parishioners and make them realise that we need more contributions/donations. The current church collection is not enough to cover the church operating cost.

Closing Prayer

- The meeting ended at 8:34 PM and Fr Regie said the closing prayer.

Next Meeting

- Next PPC meeting on Thursday – 16th June 2022