

Minutes of Holy Spirit Parish AGM held Thursday 18th May 2017
Mary Bresnan Room commencing 7.30 pm

In Attendance: Father Joe (Parish Priest), Dominic North-Coombes (PPC Secretary), Mary Ryan, Silvio Volombello, Helen Konynenburg, Marilyn Grant, Maree Buttler, Michael & Kerry O'Leary, Robin Walsh, Don Schroder, Marita North-Coombes, Marian McClelland, Jenny Philp, Lawry Ceconello, Tony van der Haar, Tina Toomey, Duncan Arendse, Kylie Papadopoulos, Ron Smith, Ana Saro and Ruth Frangeskakis (Parish Secretary)

Apologies: Stan Fisher (PPC President), Yvette Collins, Helen Scorgie, Len Moore, Jean Smith, Carmel Hill

Father Joe opened the meeting with a prayer.

Dominic North-Coombes (in Stan Fisher's absence) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Stan has not been well of late and was an apology. Dominic thanked Ruth for her work in preparing for the meeting and the Parish Groups for submitting their reports. A booklet was available on the night.

Dominic noted PPC events during the past year:

- 2016 Year of Mercy - many thanks to Mary Ryan.
- This year is the 100th year of the Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.
- Currently working on Divine Renovation for our Parish.
- Looking at ways to help refugees.
- PPC needs to be rejuvenated and new committee formed.

Many Parish Groups were not represented on the night.

A representative from the following Groups was present.

Liturgy Group – A small group of dedicated people who are very generous with their time. Special thanks to Karen McQuade for all her beautiful artwork for the Church especially as she works full-time. Christmas and Easter celebrations went well with positive response. Some members have been on the team for over 20 years and will need new people to join the Group.

Choir – This close knit group has had a busy year. Eastland Carols was included along with the Parish Carols. Always looking for new members. Special thanks to Peter Philp for his assistance with the sound system.

High Spirits – There are 32 children currently enrolled and 2018 is already full. Families are continuing and like to attend. There are 15 children doing their First Eucharist in August. A special note of thanks to Lyn, Jocelyn and Maureen who assist Ana. A question was raised what happens to the children unable to enrol - needs more thought – maybe a 2nd night for the extra children.

RCIA – As tabled in the booklet – nothing further to add.

Evergreens – Ron Smith read the report on behalf of Jean. Special thanks to Lisa Bullock who is now organising their music after many years of service from Loretta Ferguson.

Spirit Magazine – In the final rundown for the next edition. Have engaged a new printer, Minuteman Mitcham by one of our Parishioners, Graham Eve. Introduced Baptism Welcomings however, need parents' permission for photos. These families are very important to our community. Would like to involve St Anne's/St Gerard's more. Desperate for more advertising in the magazine to help reduce costs. Helen thanked everyone for their assistance.

St Vincent de Paul Society – Ron brought to the meeting's attention an error. The Assist a Student appeal stated funding of \$70,000 per child. This is incorrect – it should be \$70.00 per child.

Grief and Loss – As tabled in the booklet.

Pastoral Care – As tabled in the booklet.

Year of Mercy – Much has been achieved with most comments on the “Wall of Mercy”. This wall will stay in place till such time as it is needed for another purpose. It is a great wall of honour to those who are models of mercy. It has been a great initiative especially for children. A “Holy Spirit” welcome mat has been added to the Church entrance.

Divine Renovation – There are approximately 70 people involved either reading the book and/ or discussion groups re the faith and future of our Church. On Sunday 4th June from 11.30 am till 2.30 pm, there will be a lunch and forum for discussion on where this will take us.

Website – Opportunity for people to see what is going on in the Parish. Usage has declined slightly although some of the figures are doubtful. However, the site does get used.

Holy Spirit School – Duncan thanked everyone for their warm welcome to him by the School and Parish. Enrolments for 2018 are currently at 80 however, can only take 65 due to lack of space. A signwriter has been contacted to change the main sign at the property entrance.

Parish Finance Report – A powerpoint of the Parish finances was presented.

Looking at introducing school thanksgiving levy in 2018.

Church seats have been reupholstered.

New air conditioner has been installed in Chapel.

Key safe has been installed outside Sacristy.

A record \$40K was received from the Fete.

Parish photocopier has been re-leased to reduce costs.

Would like to form thanksgiving committee to keep track of donations and send letters of thanks.

A net profit of \$3,100 was achieved over last year's \$15,400 loss.

Future projects include moving OSHC into their own building. We have a permit to renovate the lower building. OSHC carries a licence for 60 children.

Church floor is still of concern with water moisture underneath the boards.

Question and Answer time was then held .

Closing Address by Father Joe.

In Father's final words, a Parish levy on school families to be brought in next year, 2018.

A full-time Pastoral Associate will be sought to assist with adult faith and support Tina.

Next year's AGM booklets to be produced and left in the Church a few weeks prior to the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9.00 pm. Closing song “Companions on the Journey”.