



Holy Saviour R.C. Church
2 Vulcan Street
NELSON

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH CENTRE

12th June 2007

The meeting was well attended and Fr. Chris thanked everyone for attending.

Fr. Chris opened the meeting with a prayer

It was noted that the last meeting was in February at which preparations and times for Lent were discussed and agreed upon.

It was also reported that the Lenten Project, which was fund raising for the Church of the Holy Name in Zimbabwe, raised just over £800 which Fr. Chris rounded up to £1,000. This was duly sent off and a letter of thanks has been received.

Fr. Chris circulated a new format he had devised for the Forum Meetings with agenda headings, and suggested the group form smaller groups to discuss items under the headings then regroup for further discussion.

Following discussion it was noted / suggested:-

LITURGY

1. The new First Communion format was successful
2. The Easter Vigil was possibly too long - what are the options
3. The Children's Liturgy was working well
4. There had been a good response to the request for new Eucharistic Ministers and Readers
5. The Lenten Mass Times had worked well.
6. The Sacramental programme was working well
8. Parishioners going for communion row by row was a good idea and Fr. Chris will arrange for Apparators to assist by directing, on special occasions.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

1. The Sick and Housebound - can the children's liturgy be involved in some way. Need for further discussion when the Supervisors were present.
2. Evangelical "Open Day for Jesus" - this idea was well received and discussed. There is a need for it to be well advertised in order to encourage people to come and look round the Church to see and hear what we believe. Emphasis to be on Welcome with stalls with literature and information. To include the school children from both primary and secondary schools possibly over a two day period - Friday and Saturday.

Due to the organisational requirements it was thought that next year would be a better time for it to be scheduled.

WELCOME

1. The Welcomers were doing a great job, although the entrance to the church did get a little congested at times
2. It was noted that Requiem Mass leaflets used at Christ Church were very helpful and perhaps we could adopt something similar. Maybe we could borrow one to be further discussed at the next meeting.
3. There is only one Welcomer at funerals; perhaps this number could be increased.
4. A Bereavement Group is to be formed and follow up could be expanded to include visiting the bereaved families and offering support and advice after the funeral, where necessary.

FABRIC OF THE BUILDING

1. Fr. Chris reported that he already had 2 quotes for decorating the church and was awaiting a third. He was also meeting with a Diocese representative to discuss requirements for building work in the Church i.e. disabled access and toilet.
2. It was reported that all previous loans had been paid off.
3. Mention was made of the slippery floor in church - is there anything that could be done? This to be considered when deciding what is required in the church.

SOCIAL

1. All social activities to date had been successful and well attended.
2. Suggested more family orientated events.

THE GRAPEVINE

PRIORITIES

Disabled access and toilets

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Suggestions for Consideration: - Exposition after Mass or during Confession on Saturdays.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 17th July at 7.30

The meeting ended with prayers.