

Blessington Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of P.P.C. Meeting – Thursday 12th March 2015

Venue: Meeting Room, Parish Centre

Present: Sally Joyce, Betty Murphy, Fr. Tim Murphy, Carmel O Donovan,
Mary Young, Ann Creighton, Eileen Gallagher, Liam Fay, Gerry Staines.

Apologies: Noel Nolan, Declan Naughton.

Chairperson: Gerry Staines.

Secretary: Sally Joyce

Matters discussed / Decisions

Review minutes of meeting held Thursday 12th February 2015 & Matters arising:

- Funding of Daycare furniture should read €5000 donated by Parish and €5000 donated by Baltinglass Hospital comfort fund, not HSE.
- Synod document response. This has not been compiled by Sally as promised due to time constraints and lack of material from PPC members. It was the feeling of the meeting that a response should still be made by end of March – keeping it simple. PPC members to contribute thoughts by email to Sally.
- Fr Tim circulated a pamphlet from the Irish College of Bishops' Conference 'The Meaning of Marriage'. Plan to review and discuss at April meeting.

Coimín Centre and Church upgrades :

Coimín Centre. Moving in next week.

New organ arrives 13/3/15. Fr Tim in discussion with a potential organist.

Lenten Talks:

Lenten Talks. Week 1 and 2 successful. Sally to contact Howard to thank him and suggest expenses – perhaps a contribution to Concern or to Men's Shed. Some people at meeting reported difficulty with acoustics. Sally will confirm Declan Coyle and Dr John Dunphy for weeks 3 and 4.

Easter Ceremonies:

As previous years. For the Easter card – use updated image of cross on altar.

BYP Update: BYP update. Directory by students still in production. Eddie and Turlough are liaising with about an art project in dCaf with the students. This may happen when Day Care moves out. It was not possible to organise a pre-St Patrick's Day parents evening. A flyer has been posted to parents reminding about alcohol risk around this time. There has been progress with provision of counselling hours in dCaf. Also some tuition support from Youth Reach teacher for young teenagers who need encouragement and support in getting back to school.

Sacramental Preparation Programmes:

Progressing according to schedule. Archbishop Martin will attend for Confirmation 26/3/15.

Topic: Topic John 3:14-21 'God so loved the world so much that he gave his only son'

Correspondence: Nil

A.O.B. Nil

Next meeting: Thursday 16th April
Chairperson: Carmel.