

Blessington Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of P.P.C. Meeting – Thursday 14th May 2015

Venue: Meeting Room, Parish Centre

Present: Sally Joyce, Fr. Tim Murphy, Carmel O Donovan, Declan Naughton, Betty Murphy, Ann Creighton, Liam Fay.

Apologies: Noel Nolan, Mary Young, Gerry Staines.

Chairperson: Declan.

Secretary: Sally

Matters discussed / Decisions

Review minutes of meeting held Thursday 16th April 2015 & Matters arising:

- Further to last month's discussion regarding Philip Brennan's history of Blessington Parish, Fr Tim proposed to the PPC meeting the commissioning of 4 dated granite stones to be placed in the planned area dedicated to Our Lady at site of now closed church porch.
1924: Year of meeting to campaign for church in town of Blessington / 1946: Old parish church built / 1982: Church of Our Lady built / 2015: Coimín Centre completed.
A marble statue of Our Lady has been commissioned from sculptor in Gorey at recommendation of Mick McEvoy. The meeting was in agreement with above proposals. Outdoor site and accompanying publication will take several months.
- **Sunday School** – discuss on June agenda.
- **Synod 2015** – Interim feedback document circulated. Read and discuss at June meeting.
- **Monday 25th May** – Neighbourhood collection night and parish group's photo.
Marcin to take photos. All PPC invited to attend from 7.30pm.
- **Big C Concert** took place to a full house. A very successful evening.
- Old Parish Centre prefabs have been advertised for sale on website and Facebook. Encouraging response with 3 potential purchasers in negotiations.
- **Defibrillator Training** – Thursday 28th May 7.45-9.30pm. Anyone interested in attending to let Ann know.
- **Manual Handling Course** - for parish staff and interested persons. Saturday 28th June.
Apply to Ann.

Coimín Centre:

Discussions with HSE ongoing.

Daycare now has an agreement with the Coimín Centre Management Group.

Sally working with new chef Connie Allen to get a coffee service up and running.

BYP:

Youth activity booklet launched this evening in Community College. A parenting seminar is scheduled for Wednesday 27th May. Plan to host it in the Lounge in Coimín Centre.

An edition of the BYP bulletin is in preparation.

Scrapbooks:

Last Mass is on 20th June so leave review of scrapbooks until early June when the business of the

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neighbourhood collection AGM is out of the way. (June agenda)

Topic:

John 15:9-17. "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you"

Correspondence

- A copy of the April edition of '**Intercom**' magazine has been received for consideration from Veritas. Liam will review magazine before next meeting and report back to us on content and potential interest to PPC.
- **Bible Week Notification** – interesting series of talks and lectures. Put on September agenda, may be worthwhile making an application to host an event in 2016.

AOB

- Sally indicated her intention to resign from position of PPC secretary from June 2015. There is a considerable amount of Parish duty involved with the Coimín Centre Management Committee and after 3 years in position she is anxious to pass on this bit of paperwork responsibility to another PPC member. (June agenda: elect new secretary)
- Fr Tim has as yet no official notification of his move from Blessington Parish or new appointment.

Next meeting: Thursday 11th June.

Chairperson: Liam