

WAIRARAPA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting April 29th 2025, 5pm at St Mary's School Carterton

Present: Lisa Dudley (chair), Jan McCarthy, Pa Dennis, Joe Kirkpatrick, Father Matt, Steve Wheeler.

Minutes: Marie Shone

Apologies; – Tom Roseingrave, Helen Morgan. Frank Duckett.

Opening Prayer: - Joe Kirkpatrick

Confirmation of Previous Minutes;

Moved Joe Kirkpatrick, seconded Lisa Dudley, that the minutes of the meeting March 18th 2025 be approved. Agreed To.

Matters Arising

- Fire Damage - A chemical clean of walls and ceilings underway. Current estimate for returning to the Church is approximately October.
- St Pat's School thanked for use of school hall – it has been a very positive experience.

Reports: Finance – currently establishing procedures for dealing with financial transactions in line with Archdiocese requirements.

- Continue to operate with a shortfall
- Archdiocese to offer a programme "Spiritual Blessings of Giving" later in year
- Parish Council to prepare for an AGM in the near future

Schools - Catholic Schools Day May 28th for the four Parish schools at Chanel

- Discussion around what we can do for youth?
- How is the Church visible in schools?
- Father Matt to liaise with school principal around mihi whakatau and school visits for parents to strengthen relationships with families.

Buildings – Approval of Archbishop, required before any building decisions are made, has not been sought by the committee for renovations.

- Pa Dennis to meet with Archbishop to negotiate a way forward
- Carterton hall to be developed as the community Chapel

Father Dennis – Holy week

- Contemplative Prayer sessions offered by Father Alan well attended over the four nights. Retreat scheduled for June
- Father Alan keen to work with schools in the future.
- Father Pene to support Parish during Pa Dennis sabbatical. It is expected that for all teams it will be business as usual with open communication.

10 Year Plan and Mission Statement

- Whole Parish to be involved with sharing their views on the vision for the Parish.
- Engage in a process of discernment using a variety of tools eg surveys
- Lisa to contact Lucienne from the Archdiocese for support with

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undertaking this process

General Business

- Correspondence from Parish Finance Committee relating to strengthening of the two Churches.
- Moved Lisa Dudley, seconded Father Matt, that the Wairarapa Parish Pastoral Council approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the strengthening of the two Churches to a minimum of 67%. Agreed To.
- Policy Guidelines have been developed for the Parish newsletter and these have been circulated to all leadership teams.
- Communication – all communication is to go through the office and from there to relevant person. Lisa to liaise with Denise on Archdiocese matters.
- Lisa preparing a proposal for the organ at St Pat's Church for presentation when she is back.

Next Meeting

Tuesday June 24th 5pm

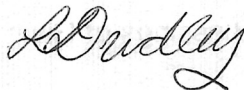
Venue

St Pat's School staffroom
Masterton

Closing Prayer – Lisa

Meeting closed 7pm

Signed



Date 24/6/25