

**Minutes of The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth (Te Pārihi Katorika ki Ngāmotu) AGM held 10.15am on
19th June 2022 at St Joseph's Church Hall**

Introduction/Opening Prayer: Martin Chamberlain

Apologies: Judith Norton, Fr Vui Hoang, Fr Tom Lawn, Mary-Elizabeth Hagenson, Karen Maclean, Amelia Luke.

Present: Martin Chamberlain (Chairperson LT), Denise Fleming (Executive Manager), Colin Comber (Chairperson Finance), Fr Simon Story, Donval Renaud, Claire Chamberlain, Corr Nielson, Theresa & Peter Keegan, Tim Barrett, Marg Mora, Michael Finnigan, Barbara & Ivan McCracken, Jude Hau, Margaret Comber, Ireen Crossan, Marian Richardson, Christina Chow (late), Fiona Dravitzki, Fay & Tony Murcott, Jacinta Hurley, Maria Bushell, Scottie Scott, Paul Bouterey, Albert Chow, Rain Forest

Matters Arising from Minutes: Nil

Minutes accepted as a true record

MOVED Colin Comber/Jude Hau

Chairman's Report: The Chairman's written report was tabled. Martin Chamberlain provided a verbal summary.

MOVED: Paul Bouterey/Colin Comber

Finance Report – Colin Comber presented a precis of the Audited Accounts to End of Financial Year – 30th September 2021

MOVED: Jacinta Hurley/Marian Richardson

Property Report – Colin

- Presbytery, OLHC, St Joseph's Lantern and Okato Subdivision all completed
- Waiting on sale of Brooklands Subdivision, which is reliant on obtaining consent.
- Bell Block Housing for the Elderly units (52 Wynyard Street) lease with NPDC: Discussions are ongoing with NPDC officers regarding the lease ending in November 2024. Elected Members of the NPDC will reconsider the recommendations from their officers after the 2022 election. There are several options on the table including 1. Sell to NPDC; or 2. Lease to NPDC at market rates. The preferred option for the Finance Committee is to sell outright to NPDC, to ensure the current tenants have continuity and ongoing security for their future.
- Parish Centre: Steering Committee formed and waiting for a second concept design by Tennent Brown. Once received these will be presented to the parish, to compare and contrast to Concept 1.

Pastoral Staff / Ministries Reports:

Youth Report: Rain Forest presented a visual report on youth activities, which include; Illumin8 Youth Group, Mustard Seed Youth Band, Ascend Youth group at FDMC/SHGC, Catholic Couch, Shine Youth group for Yrs 4-8, Confirmation and Youth Masses.

MOVED: Jude Hau/Ireen Crossan

Young Families Report: Martin Chamberlain gave a brief precis of Karen Macleans report, which included; Karen started Ministry in Feb 2022. Reconciliation Programme has 90 children this year. 1st Holy Communion and Older Children's Baptism yet to be undertaken this year. SHINE works with Rain to make this happen.

MOVED: Paul Bouterey/Denise Fleming

Music Coordinator Report: Description of Amelia's role was presented on screen.

General Business:

Questions were as follows:

- Is the congregation growing? Simon responded that the LT were planning for growth
- Livestreaming – how long will this continue? Denise responded that it may be revised once the Bishops have removed the dispensation for attending Mass
- Is the Bell Block land being considered for liquidating assets? Colin Comber responded by saying that the Bell Block Mass centre is not under consideration – only the land that the Bell Block Flats are positioned on. This land was donated on the proviso that it would be used for older people's welfare.
- Is there the option to continue leasing the flats to NPDC? Colin Comber described that the NPDC would like the lease to continue at the current peppercorn rental amount, however the Finance Committee are looking for a passive income stream to supplement the Planned Giving. Any new lease agreement would need to be at a commercial lease rate.

Fr Simon spoke of there being THREE narratives that were currently occurring within the parish:

1. Catholic Community – Working on a culture of change and growing the parish – it is slow progress.
2. Buildings – planning for growth
3. Priest numbers: Currently administering to communities from Nga Pekanga (Waitara) to Opunake, Stratford and Kaponga. Diocese are planning to consult with the parish in the near future.

Meeting Closed: 11.15am

Proposed Date of next AGM: To be determined.