

**Minutes of The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth (Te Pārihi Katorika ki Ngāmotu) AGM held 10.15am on  
25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at St Joseph's Church Hall**

**Apologies:** none received

**Present:** Fr Simon Story, Grant Novak (Chairperson LT), Denise Fleming (Office Manager), Colin Comber (Chairperson Finance), Quinton & Josephine Reeves, Fay and Tony Murcott, Paul & Linda Darbyshire, Denise Johnston, Chris Wells, Carol & Brian Crowley, Marian Richardson, Mark & Helen Poppelwell, Michael Finnigan, Brian Raisin, Clive & Beth Maclean, Dorval Renald, Maureen Baker, Paul & Heidy Cleary, Jacinta Hurley, Brien Bennett, Judith Norton, Carl Neilson, Heather Butler, Michele Riordan, Judy Hau, Celina Dias, Bevinda Dias, Laurence Scott, Brian & Yvonne Phelan, Teresa Uhlenberg, John Sutcliffe, Tina Quick-Looker, Margaret Comber, Graham Wells, David Gardener.

**Introduction:** Grant Novak

**Chairman's Report:** Grant Novak

MOVED: Grant Novak/Brian Crowley

**Finances** – Colin Comber presented a precis of the Audited Accounts to End of Financial Year – 30th September 2020

**Minutes Arising:** Bell Block Mass Centre – it is not planned to close at this stage. Monthly Mass will continue to be celebrated in Bell Block. Only a Bishop can make a decision to sell property.

**General Business:**

Request for Financial Report to be made available before AGM's, in the hope that this would attract parishioners.

Comment was made by Graham Wells regarding the recent document written by Michael Finnigan. It was pointed out that there was a couple of figures that were differing compared to earlier publications. An email has been sent to Colin and Grant detailing the anomalies.

**Property (Building Projects Completed)** – Presbytery, OLHC, St Joseph's Lantern and Okato Subdivision. Special thanks to Denise Fleming for driving these projects.

Waiting on sale of Brooklands Subdivision, which is reliant on obtaining consent. 110 Brooklands road was purchased to ensure access to the property under development.

Rentals: Parish has three rentals, with a combined income of \$60k – great way to receive a passive income for Parish.

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. This was driven by the Diocese, who wanted to see the business area detached from the Church building.

**To do:** St Joseph's Roof – it is hoped this can be replaced as part of the Parish Centre project.

Upgrade of St Joseph's Hall – application to TOI Foundation. To install hot water/hand driers/commercial chiller/light sensors in bathrooms/new carpet in red room/under bench storage in kitchen/ install doorway into emergency egress/remove garden to allow emergency door to fully extend. These last two items have been completed, as it was deemed a high priority.

**Staff / Ministries:** Fr Simon spoke of the 100 + Baptisms and 50 Confirmations this year and the LT's desire for the parish to be a Missional Church.

Thank you to Rain, Michelle and Ireen for all the work that they do.

**Meeting Closed:** 11.30 am

**Proposed Date of next AGM: To be determined.**