

MALAHIDE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of 3rd February 2011

Attendance: Charlie Farrell, Fr. Peter Briscoe, Fr. Paul Thornton, Sr. Margaret, John Lynch, Jean Houghton, Bob Rooney, Pauline Lynch, Joe McDonnell, Daphne Greene, Regina MacCarrick, Joan Reynolds, Noelle O'Donoghue and Oliver Whelan.

Apology: Jo Morris.

Matters arising from the minutes.

A letter has been sent to Archbishop O'Malley and a copy to Archbishop Diarmuid Martin regarding the Ryan report from last year.

Justice and Peace Draft Constitution: will be back on the agenda in due course.

Agenda

Correspondence

Dublin Diocesan Liturgical Resource Centre.

Seminars and workshops will take place in Clonliffe College from 5th February 2011. The correspondence has been distributed to the various groups within Malahide parish.

Catholic Youth Care

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin launched the Pope John Paul II Awards for young people aged 16 to 18 years olds last November 2010. The Award was created to commemorate the late Pope John Paul II who was so committed to young people and who had such belief and confidence in them. There are four Awards the Bronzes, Silver, Gold and the Papal Cross. To achieve the Award the young person will have to give a commitment of one hour a week Parish involvement and one hour a week Social Awareness. The brochure is available on the internet. Malahide Parish is currently involved in this initiative. There are 8 students involved who will travel to Kiran Village in India in 2011.

Four Parishes working together.

There will be a meeting of the representatives from the four Pastoral Councils taking place on 9th February 2011. The meeting will discuss a planned roll out, an agenda and the way forward for the four Pastoral Councils working together. Our representative from Malahide Parish will bring forward to the meeting, the following points for discussion.

- Co-ordination of Mass times.
- Identify what activities we could co-ordinate between the four Parishes in order to ensure we are utilizing energy, resources and ideas to the max.
- The importance of sharing "talent" between the four Parishes.
- Communication among the four Parishes i.e. the medium for communication.
- The Repair & Care group could expand their area within the four Parishes.

- Joint Formation Programs (education and formation at work). Training for Ministries. Developing Youth Ministry for the four Parishes.
- Deanery – establishing the geographical boundaries i.e. with Fingal or with Howth.

There will be an update available from this meeting next month.

Prayer: Noelle led us in prayer. Regina will do the prayer next month.

Child Protection.

A member of the Child Protection Committee attended the meeting to provide an update on Child Protection. To date everything is in order; there are currently checks in place which will be documented, reviewed and reflecting a clear audit trail for these checks.

Parish Centre Update.

Conservation work is now underway on the Church. As the Church is a preserved building, it will be looked into to see if there is a grant available towards this work. The project is currently on schedule. The Design Team are currently working hard; the team will be going out to Builders for tender in March 2011.

Fr. Peter Briscoe thanked the team for their commitment and tremendous work.

Any other business:

The Literary Group will be attending the workshops at Clonliffe College – the weekend 5th February 2011.

There will also be Annual Series of Lenten talks which will take place from 16th March 2011 to 13th April 2011 involving Inter Church Groups. Currently the Literary Group are organising the events and dates.

On 15th February 2011, Malahide Cares & Bereavement Group will be having a talk.

Next meeting: Thursday 3rd March 2011 at 8.00 p.m.