

## MALAHIDE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Notes of meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup>. June 2010

**Attendance:** Fr. G. Tanham, Sr. Margaret, Charlie Farrell, Jo Morris, Bob Rooney, Pauline Lynch, Regina MacCarrick, Daphney Green, Noelle O'Donoghue.

**Apologies:** John Lynch, Joan Reynolds, Fr. Paul Thornton, Joe McDonnell, Oliver Whelan, Jean Houghton,

**Matters Arising from last minutes:** Jo said that after the decision was made that we would put edited minutes of the Pastoral Council meetings on our website it was done only once, the minutes of the May meeting and this meeting will be put on the website.

Regina reported that some of the YCW material can be downloaded and some of the also some of the programmes are short six week courses, but as they have suggested a meeting she feels we should take them up on this, must decide if Summer or September time would be best for MYYAM, Charlie said let us know when it is arranged and we would attend.

**Minutes:** agreed as read

**Correspondence:** The Council had written a letter to Archbishop Martin stating reasons why Fr. Tanham {whose nine year term is coming to an end} should be left with us, the Archbishop's letter in reply said he would keep our comments in mind when in due course he was making his decision.

Charlie had an e mail re the `non appearance` of the minutes on our website.

A letter from concerned parents re the proposal to build the new St. Oliver Plunkett's school to a Greenfield site in Broomfield. Their concerns were that the new school location was too far from the village and the children's participation in the community would be diminished, the children could not walk to school and the traffic on that route would greatly increase when added to the traffic already there for the Community School. Fr. Tanham said there is no decision as to where the new school would locate. He said there is certainly a need for a new school as there are sixteen portocabins in use, the largest number in the country. Malahide Forum had contacted Fr. Tanham re the distance from the village and the traffic; they suggested that the new school should be on the Swords side of the village. Fr. Tanham also said that there is the option of putting a two story school on the Grove Road site, there would be a lot of involvement in the decision, Parents Association, Parish Pastoral Council, Dept of Education, Fingal Co Council, School Board of Management, the Diocese, if you want a school with top of the range facilities, then a new school is the answer. Noelle said there was concern with the method in which one political party sent a letter to the parents. Charlie said he would convey this to Alan Markey the Chairman of the School Board of Management. Fr.

Tanham's advice was to keep calm, observe all aspects, look at all the facts; there will be plenty of time for discussion as any decision is a long way off.

**Prayer:** Joan was to do prayer but she had to go away to a grandchild's First Holy Communion, Jo led us in the prayer selected by Joan. Jo will do prayer in September.

**Reflection Day for Parish Groups:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>. June in Emmaus, Fr. Eamonn Conway will be the Facilitator; he is a Theologian and a Dr. of Divinity. The day will include discussion, prayer, group work. Numbers needed for catering. Announce from Altar on next Sunday and put it in the bulletin.

**Parish Boundaries:** The 12<sup>th</sup>. May meeting was cancelled, Fr. Fitzpatrick is to arrange another as soon as possible, the Clergy, Staff, Chair and Secretary of the Pastoral Councils of each of the Parishes will attend, those Parishes are Swords, Yellow Walls, Malahide, Kinsealy, Portmarnock, Donaghmede and Airfield.

**Parish Centre:** In John's absence Fr. Tanham gave us an update. We are working on re valuation of the building cost in the current climate. Fr. Paul has done a survey of necessary work inside the Church. Do we replace the Church seating or renovate the present ones, one seat has been renovated, look at it front left in the Church, they have some woodworm but this can be treated, Pauline suggested find out how many more years of life left in them if they are renovated. We hope to go to tender September / October. Ask the Project Group to come to us with the final plans – possibly the September meeting.

**End of year report:** Fr. Tanham produced a draft report covering all the Parish Pastoral Council's activities and achievements for the past year. This was approved by the Council, when printed it will be available at the back of the Church.

**Parish Activities:** Mass for students 7.30 pm on Saturday next in Sacred Heart Church. MYYAM participate at the 5.30 pm Mass on the First Sunday of each month, last month's Mass was for third level students, there was a larger than usual attendance, bookmarks were distributed.

Our trainee Parish Workers Maureen Hibbs and Natasha Curran hope to successfully graduate to be lay Parish Workers and to be appointed to positions in the Diocese shortly.

The new Children's Choir will sing at the 10.00 am Mass on Sunday.

James Doyle will act as temporary Sacristan during the Summer

**Parish Pastoral Council looking to the future:** It is eight years since the Council was formed. Look at the constitution during the Summer, has it served its purpose well, do we need to amend it. Put this on agenda for September or October.

**Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup>. September**