

St Boniface Catholic Parish, Southampton

Minutes of the PPC Meeting November 22, 2023

Name	Role	Attending	Apologies	Absent
Fr Tom Kleinschmidt (Fr T)	Parish Priest	✓		
Fr Godwin Kambai (Fr G)	Asst Priest		✓	
Fr Jufel Baldado(Fr J)	Asst Priest		✓	
Angela Braga(AB)	Chair	✓		
Helen Bignell(HB)	Vice-Chair	✓		
Vic Dagongdong(VD)	Member	✓		
Guadalupe Dagongdong(GD)	“		✓	
Diago George(DG)	“	✓		
Neri May (NM)	“	✓		
Joanna Rzepecka (JR)	“		✓	
Irena Sachrajda (IS)	“	✓		
Trish Spiteri (TS)	“	✓		
Angela Wood (AW)	“		✓	
Hannah Wood (HW)	“		✓	
Emma D’Arcy (ED)	“	✓		
Augustine Odukoya (AO)	Secretary	✓		

061.00 Opening Prayer

Fr. Tom led the opening prayer with a prayer to the Holy Spirit at sharp 7.04 pm.

062.00 Attendance & Apologies

Ten (10) members attended the meeting and seven (7) were absent as detailed above.

063.00 Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2023, were read and adopted unanimously.

064.00 Matters Arising

064.10 Music group: It was agreed that Mike Wood, as Team Leader of Music Group, would research the options for new hymn books, to be purchased from Jan 2024. He will liaise with Fr T and other members of the music group. Ideally, we need provisional proposals at the next meeting. In the longer term, the idea of screens to display the words will be considered.

064.20 Parish calendar: The final version was presented by Angela. Diago agreed to help put this together, using a computer and formatting in A3 size.

In addition to Christmas Day, the other items for December 2023 and January 2024 are:

- 1st December 2023 - Soup lunch
- 8th December, 2023 - Immaculate Conception
- 20th December, 2023 - Community Outreach event : ‘Candles For Christmas’
- 5th January , 2024 - Parish Epiphany Lunch

- 21st January, 2024 - Feast of the Holy Child and Enthronement of the relics of Sto Nino De Cebu.

There was a discussion on how collection at novenas and other events should be handled, and how best to show appreciation to the facilitating group. It was agreed that at the end of novenas or events, the newsletter of the following Sunday should carry thanks to the team and the community that facilitated or carried out the event. The amount generated or collected at the event should also be mentioned. Any monies contributed to the collection during the Mass must be counted by the official parish counters, but can be itemised separately, and properly acknowledged. Then costs of the event can then be paid from parish funds where necessary.

Fr. Tom also reported that Fr. Jufel has been able to get the relics of the Sto Nino which would be installed in our church during the celebration on 21st January.

064.30 Candles for Christmas(20 Dec) : The Committee for the event led by Hannah Wood presented the program for the event, which was a repeat of what happened last year. On behalf of the PPC, AB thanked the Committee and encouraged them to enlist more volunteers to help with the execution of the event.

064.40 Children's calendar. AO reported that he has reached Dave, Fatima Amedu, and Hannah Wood and they have all agreed to be a part of the Youth formation group. The group will begin formal meetings in January 2024.

064.50 Welfare/ Welcome Committee: AO reported that there have not been many responses from volunteers to this group. The name was identified as vague and unattractive for the kind of work that the group was to do. The Council then agreed to change the name to New Parishioners Welcoming Group. We agreed to produce a flyer for this group. The flyer will contain basic information about the parish and the parish's activities. It will also give details of the New Parish Members Committee. Trish and Diago are to help produce the flyer.

064.50 Deanery Meeting Report: Fr Tom at this meeting reviewed again the document that he shared with members at the last meeting. He emphasised once more that the vision of the bigger parish pastoral area is not something abstract or alien. He described it simply as the coming together of parishes to do things that they used to do individually . He also reported that Fr. Michael Dennehy, the new leader for our pastoral area, has called an important meeting 7.00 pm on the 28th November 2023 at St. Vincent de Paul

065.00 Any Other Business

065.10 Parish Pastoral Council Membership: The tenure of the following PPC members is due to expire on 31st December 2023:

- a. Angela Wood
- b. Helen Bignell
- c. Emma D'Arcy.
- d. Joanna Rzepecka

They will be formally thanked at the next meeting of the PPC in January 2024.

065.20 Diocesan Synod: The Diocesan Synod will come up on March 16, 2024, at Immaculate Conception parish. . PPC members are encouraged to attend.

065.30 Churches Together in Shirley: The Council agreed to look for new representatives of the parish at this ecumenical gathering of Christians in Shirley.

066.00 Adjournment & Closing

The meeting was adjourned till 7 pm on Friday, January 12, 2024. Fr. Tom led the closing prayer at about 8.33 pm.

Angela Braga
Chairman

Augustine Odukoya
Secretary