

**St Boniface Catholic Parish, Southampton**

**Minutes of the PPC Meeting September 12, 2023**

**041.00 Opening**

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr Tom at 7.05pm

**042.00 Attendance & apologies**

Twelve members of the Council were present, 3 others sent apologies for not attending, as detailed below.

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			<b>Abroad</b>
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	✓		

**043.00 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of (14/07/2023) were unanimously adopted as a true record of the last Council proceedings.

**044.00 Matters Arising From Minutes**

**044.10 Review of Summer Events**

- **Nigerian Day:** Generally acclaimed to be a good event. The Council thanked AO for facilitating the events and also thanked those who worked with him. The Council approved it as a yearly event in response to the desire of the Community as expressed by AO.
- **Music Group:** Mike Wood is the new lead following the voluntary retirement of Eileen. AB informed the house that the main item on his agenda is bringing the different choir groups in our church together as a gradual process. He will start by holding discussions and interactions. The issue of the tattered hymn books and

parishioners' complaints about the inability to sing along was mentioned. This led to discussions on the possibilities of the use of projectors and screens in church. The discussion was shelved, to be followed up at a later date.

**44.20 Called and Gifted:** Reported to have commenced. Those who participated reported that it is a rewarding programme.

**045.0 Deanery Meeting:**

AB informed the Council of the Deanery Meeting scheduled for Saturday 16 Sept 2023 to be attended by Fr. Tom, Michael Keogh, and Peter Kollig from the finance committee. The meeting will focus on the implementation of the pastoral area approach vision of the Diocese that is taking off now. Fr. Tom gave a little intro of the contents of some of the already printed materials and expressed (few copies shared at the meeting) that they present the exact picture or vision of our parish as driven by the Council. According to him, the vision of the Council is in tune with the diocesan vision, the work of the Holy Spirit he said.

He further explained that the details of how to fulfil the goals of the diocese are clearly stated in the manual. The task of the PPC he said is to actualise these visions and missions in our particular parish. Councillors are encouraged to study the documents. He promised to make more copies available on or before the next meeting.

He noted that phase one of the new structure was concluded in July 2023 and, that we have started the second phase now which is the enactment of the structure. Some pastoral areas such as Winchester and Havant have fully enacted the structure and adopted it in full, so we should be ready up and doing as a parish.

**046.0 Review of Catechesis for the year 22/23:**

AW presented a paper about why doing this, she gave a rundown of the catechesis activities in the parish. The keynotes of her presentation are:

- a. Catechesis is the life wire of the church.
- b. Catechists should be encouraged and formed.
- c. More people are needed to take up the Catechist role/apostolate in the parish.
- d. The priests should speak from the altar about the catechists and what they do.

This led to the discussion of on the possibility of Catechist Sunday once a year to promote the apostolate. The Council agreed to keep this in focus for further discussion. Members were also asked to begin the one-on-one conversation of seeking new volunteers with individuals that we come in contact with in church.

The need for a Welfare Committee for the parish also came out of this discussion. Members were encouraged to reflect on the creation of the Committee and attend the next meeting with proposals.

**047.0 Review of Calendar of the Year calendar featuring children:**

AO presented a revised proposal of activities intended to create participation of children presenting artworks, story picture etc. that explains the meaning or view of the church's celebrations from the cultural point of view. To start with, it is proposed to focus on

3 such events for participation : Advent/Christmas, Lent/ Easter, and October. He expressed in the paper that more people will be required to execute this. The Council approved the setting up of a volunteer working group to produce a draft calendar. Volunteers should be encouraged through the church bulletin.

**048.0 Review of Parish Events Calendar of the Year:**

AB spoke about the need for a comprehensive calendar for the year to avoid a clash of events and promote better preparation, execution, and participation. TS offered to help out in producing a draft, to be presented at the next meeting.

**49.0 AOB:**

1. **City-Wide Prayer event ( ecumenical event)** The next one is to be held in our church on 1 October at 7.30 pm. Council members are encouraged to be present.
2. **Penitential programs in Advent:** This will be held for 3 Fridays in December on Friday the 8th, 15th, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will include an exposition of the blessed sacrament and individual confession. These are part of the planned events to focus on building our parish mission, as Fr Tom expressed.
3. **Membership Tenure:** The tenure of the following members will expire by December 2023: Joanna, Angela Wood, Helen and Emma. They are free to apply for a further tenure if they so wish.

**0410.0 Date of Next Meeting:**

The next PPC meeting has been fixed for Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 7 pm at MC room

**0411.0 Closing:** The meeting closed with prayer at 8.50 pm Prayer by Fr. Tom.

Angela Braga  
Chairman

Augustine Odukoya  
Secretary