

St Boniface Catholic Parish, Southampton

Minutes of the PPC Meeting January 19th, 2024

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	✓		
Vic Dagongdong (VD)	Member	✓		
Guadalupe Dagongdong (GD)	“	✓		
Diago George (DG)	“		✓	
Neri May (NM)	“	✓		
Irena Sachrajda (IS)	“	✓		
Henry Eboh (HE)	“	✓		
Obiajulu Ede (OE)	“	✓		
Mart Ryan Llorente (MRL)	“	✓		
Mae Felongco (MF)	“	✓		
Fatima Amedu (FA)	“	✓		
Augustine Odukoya (AO)	Secretary	✓		
Trish Spiteri (TS)			✓	
Jane Stephenson (JS)		✓		
Hannah Wood (HW)		✓		

Before the meeting commenced, light refreshments were served. During this time, the Chair took photos of the new members so that the porch poster of the PPC members can be updated.

071.00 Opening Prayer by Fr Tom

072:00 Introduction: The Chair of the PPC, Angela Braga, welcomed everyone especially the new members and thanked profusely the outgoing members for their many sacrifices and contributions. There was a brief introduction of the individual members of the PPC for the benefit of the joiners.

073:00 Apologies: We received apologies from DG and TS

074:00 Minutes: Already circulated with a few hard copies provided by the Secretary. It was observed that NM attended the meeting but was marked absent in the minute. After this, the minute was unanimously adopted.

075:0 Matters arising

075.10 Music Group: Michael Wood has agreed to coordinate the acquisition of the new hymn books. Since the books will be sponsored, it was agreed to have typed bookplates inserted with individual dedications. A set form of words for this will be provided.

075.20 Welfare/Welcome Committee: AO reported that no one has signed up for the committee, so the search continues.

075.30 Youth Committee: AO reported that five people namely, Chris Amedu, Dave Dagongdong, Hannah Wood, Petronella Muzariri, and Adeyemi Kaleyemi have signed up for the committee. Fatima Amedu will also be joining. The committee held its first meeting and came up with a youth formation programme that will happen once every month, with two groups in mind; the first youth group is 12 to 14 years and the second group is 15 to 18 years. The monthly event will feature(but not be limited to) prayer meetings, the teaching of church doctrines and parts of Mass, reading and interpretation of the Bible, games and other social activities. The formation programme will start with a youth conference scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2024, from 11.00 am. AO further informed the PPC that the committee hopes to finish the planning in the next couple of weeks. The PPC agreed that once done, AO should reach out to the AB who will liaise with the parish priest and the CLT for final approval of the activities.

075:40 Parish Calendar: No report as Diago who was to put the finally approved 2024 calendar is unavoidably absent.

076:00 Matters of the Day

076:10 Quick review of Dec events: The Candles For Christmas event in December was adjudged to be a success. The Novena led by the Filipino community was also a success with the community raising about £3K. The month of February into March will be Lent and Easter. Every Friday evening in Lent will feature Bible studies, and Stations of the Cross and Holy Mass.

076:20 Mart gave a comprehensive report on behalf of the Filipino community on the planning for the **feast and enthronement of Santo Nino relics and statues** in the parish, scheduled for 21 Jan. It will be a historic event because, in 500 years, it will be the first time that such relics and enthronement has happened in the UK. He also reported that the family of Vic & Guada has been appointed to receive the honour of
...for their commitment and dedication.

076:30 Fr Tom gave a brief explanation of the **role of the CLT** and its relationship with the PPC. It is a focused group that helps him execute the plans put together by the PPC. He reported that on his arrival at the parish, he began his work with a team of 22 people using the Divine Renovation Book as a guide. He shared a document containing the vision and all that has been done so far and challenged the new Councillors to go through the document as a way to get into the parish's vision and help to re-create or add values to the document with new ideas and renewed vision.

076.40 Priorities for St Boniface parish this year: AB pointed out that the priority of the parish in 2024 is to have more participation of our parishioners in church activities. Some persons from the PPC and SLT have been appointed to address the congregation at all the masses at a Recruitment Weekend , 27th-28th Jan., and encourage them to register and take up roles in the church.

076:50 Representatives of **Churches Together in Shirley (CTIS)**. AB reported that two reps are needed for CTIS. Volunteers were sought from among the members of the PPC. It was later agreed that 2 representatives should be sought from the church who would be constant members and come to report to the PPC from time to time.

079:0 AOB: 1) **Birthday Celebrants.** It was agreed that the first Sunday of the month should be used to bless people celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the month.

2) **Smaller ethnic minorities within the parish.** FA suggested that we should hold an International Celebration day for the smaller ethnic communities within the parish (eg Chinese, Polish)

0710.00 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5 March 2024, at 7 pm

0711.00 The meeting was adjourned at 20.52 with a prayer led by Fr. Tom.

Angela Braga
Chairman

Augustine Odukoya
Secretary