

<b>ST BONIFACE, SOUTHAMPTON</b> <b>MINUTES OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL</b> <b>MEETING</b> <b>April 21, 2023, at 19:00</b>				
<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Attending</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Fr Jufel Baldado(Fr J)	Asst Priest	✓		
Helen Bignell(HB)	Vice-Chair	✓		
Angela Braga(AB)	Chair	✓		
Vic Dagongdong(VD)		✓		
Guadalupe Dagongdong(GD)			✓	
Diago George(DG)		✓		
Fr Godwin Kambai (Fr G)	Asst Priest		✓	
Fr Tom Kleinschmidt (Fr T)	Parish Priest	✓		
Neri May (NM)		✓		
Augustine Odukoya (AO)	Secretary	✓		
Joanna Rzepecka (JR)		✓		
Irena Sachrajda (IS)		✓		
Trish Spiteri (TS)			✓	
Angela Wood (AW)			✓	
Hannah Wood (HW)			✓	
Emma D'Arcy (ED)		✓		

### 021.00 Opening

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Fr Tom.

### 022 Attendance & apologies

Eleven members attended and 5 took excuse to be absent as detailed in the attendance sheet.

### 023.00 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of (10/03/2023) were approved as a true record

### 024 Matters Arising:

**024.1 Closer to Christ:** Fr. Tom reported that the donations and pledges received are more than the target. He reminded the house that the excess of the collection reverts back to the parish.

**024.2 Flores de Mayo Planning:** AB. Presented the program of events for Flores de Mayo of the Blessed Mother Mary slated for 27th May 2023. To start with the holy mass at 10.00 am. Fr. Jufel has a statue and poster that can be used. GD is to put up a write-up to feature in the newsletter before the day. All PPC members were encouraged to be present.

**024.3 Visit of the German Group:** The visit was successful. The group attended the 9.00am mass and was impressed by the attendance of the number of St. Boniface members at mass. They left some brochures about their home parish in Germany.

**024.5 Collection Counting:** Fr. TM reported he visited the family in the company of Mike K and explained to the Bakers (John & Barbara) that the Diocese has sent a message that counting should be done in the church compound to qualify for coverage by insurance. It was a difficult thing for the family to let go for they have done this for 40 years and they saw it as an opportunity of service to God in old age. Eileen, Reggie, and Jean will be counting money in the presbytery. VD volunteered to join them but more volunteers are needed.

**024.6 St. Boniface Weekend:** DG presented a brief of the event as proposed by the committee. The Committee is of the opinion that the event this year should be low-key due to the possibility of population explosion which the church cannot accommodate due to space in the hall. Planning for next year should begin shortly after this year's event for effective planning. This year's event will start in the evening of the Saturday before the Sunday with adoration and talk about Boniface. Sermon at all the masses will centre on the life of St. Boniface. After the 11.00 am mass, there will be bring and share in the church hall. The event for this year will be on June 4, 2023.

**024.7 Mass Servers:** Training took place in the Holy Week. Fr. TM responded that more training has been scheduled and that Tobit has offered to be the head of the mass servers. Altar Servers to be presented with their medals on 13<sup>th</sup> May by 4.00 pm. Work in progress

#### **024.8 Diocesan 10 Year Plan**

AB reported that the meeting is to take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 by the central planning committee from 2-4 pm with Youths and Catechetical formation as the focus. The meeting involves 5 parishes. The meeting will go on for several months which gives more opportunity to invite more youths for subsequent meetings.

Where do you want to be with the youth ministry in the next 5 years was a question by Fr. Tom for our reflection as a parish. The need to have a post-confirmation group was identified. AO suggested the need for youth animators and the house agreed to the idea. Some names mentioned were Emma, Hannah Wood, Dave, Chris, Roselle, Jonjo and Louise. Fr. Tom to hold a meeting with them on the task and willingness to take it up.

#### **024.9 Called & Gifted**

AB explained that the group is to help parishioners identify the gifts that they have and how they can make use of the gifts for their benefits and that of the Parish. Fr. TM asked for volunteers or suggestions on the names of those who can facilitate this. These people when selected will be the ones on the ground to coordinate the ministry.

It was agreed that the event should be stepped down at the moment until the two major events ahead of us have been concluded. It will require huge publicity and awareness.

### **025 AOB**

#### **025.1 Communication Group**

AB explained that the group is coming up now but needs more members. After the announcement, three 3 new volunteers registered. DG promised to get more members for the committee. He is to send the names to the Fr. TM. Fr. Jufel is to join the group. The members should be encouraged to start meeting as soon as possible.

#### **025.2 Parking Restrictions**

Fr. TM reported that all cameras were gone and that the contract has formally come to a close. However, we should be silent about this and still think of how to protect our compound.

#### **025.3 Soup Lunch**

HB reported that this will be put on hold till September.

#### **025.4 Children's Mass**

JR requested the presence of Frs' presence more at the mass. The house suggested that she should liaise with the children's liturgy team for better collaboration.

#### **025.5 Other Nationals' Day(s)**

AO reminded the PPC about this discussion. AB suggested that this should be a major discussion at the PPC meeting. AO was asked to initiate the discussion on the Nigerian WhatsApp platform and to identify other nationals in the parish before the next meeting.

### **026. 1 Date of next meeting:**

Friday, May 26, 2023, at 7.00 pm.

### **027.1 Adjournment**

The meeting closed with prayer led by Fr. TM at 8.33 pm.

Angela Braga  
Chairman

Augustine Odukoya  
Secretary