

Minutes of Ennis Pastoral Council meeting

Date Tuesday February the 23rd 2010.

Time 8 pm.

Venue Cathedral House.

Present Sarah Malone, Maureen Hand, Tikki Daly Fionula Moran, Sr Anne Boland Miriam O'Brien, Maurice Griffin, Sean McDermott Emer Healey
Frs. Tom Hogan, Tom O'Gorman Martin Blake, Fergal O'Neil, John McGovern Joe Condon.

Apologies Tina Quealley, John Tunney, Dan O'Connell

Minutes of January the 26th

The minutes were taken as read.

Matters Arising.

Meeting with Bishop Walsh and Parish teams re Lenten Liturgies. The meeting had taken place.

Correspondence

Two requests for concerts

1. Philmonic Orchestra on August the 6th and August 16th
2. Liam Lawton April the 21st

The orchestra is not making any charitable donation so is not meeting the criteria for use of the Cathedral for a concert. **Not approved**

The Liam Lawton concert is a fund raiser for three charities Brothers of charity Haven House and Cuan an Chlair. **This event was approved**

Parish Report

Key points are as follows.

- Preparation for Sacraments, Confirmation, First Penance and Communion
- Do this in memory of me.
- Selecting of young people involved in Parish life to represent Parish in pilgrimages at Lourdes and Taize.
- Preparation for Lent Easter and St Patrick's Day.
- Catholic Schools Week. Students involved in liturgies.
- Cluster Play and Pray group meeting.
- Speakers for the Tuesdays during lent.
- Spy Wednesday Mass Preparation.

Up date on Initiatives

Appreciation to Emer Healy for her work in explanation of the Readings and Gospel.
Mary Hanley to draft thought for next week on the back page of the newsletter.

Discussion Fora during lent

First Session March the 3rd

Theme Who is God and what difference does it make? Facilitated by Dan O'Connell.

Pastoral Healing and Discussion

Arising from a comment that had been written in the book of expressions in the Cathedral a request to hold an open forum whereby victims of clerical abuse could get an opportunity to have their feelings heard and acknowledged .Much discussion took place around this issue .Is it the best way forward are there alternatives like a candlelit procession, some members felt that the open forum is a good way for pastoral Council to be seen to reach out .How should this forum be facilitated .Is it by a facilitator who would have empathy with victims or someone objective .**Two actions were agreed on**

1. The chairperson to make contact with the person who wrote the request with a view to asking how they would set the forum.
2. All members of Pastoral council to have some thought on the forum set up and who might facilitate or is there another way of offering support? .The above issue to be further discussed at the March Meeting of Pastoral council

Guest Speaker

Catherine Wiley of the Catholic grandparents association spoke on the importance of the role that grandparents play in passing on the faith to their grand children. It was agreed to look at setting up the association in Ennis. Tikki Daly, Maureen Hand ,Sean McDermott and ,Fr John Mc Govern formed a sub group to look at the idea .Other interested grandparents had given their names at the evening Mass .Catherine to forward posters and other supports to publicise the idea ,

Date of next meeting

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