



ST.THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
BRIGHTON LE SANDS,  
NSW,2216

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY,15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL,2012.

Attendance: 14 Parishioners in attendance.

The meeting commenced 11.10am with an opening prayer led by Father Kim. There was a motion moved for the meeting to go ahead even 14 attendees.

Apologies Received: Terry and Chris Grady

Faye McManus

Margaret McEvoy

Confirmation of Minutes:

The minutes of the AGM held on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2011 were accepted by John D'Mato and seconded by Maureen Couch. Special mention was made of the passing of Fr. Jim Doyle – the parish feels a deep loss and he will always be a part of Parish history. Also the retirement of Father Peter Lynch is an enormous loss to the Parish.

Correspondence:

No correspondence received.

Matters Arising:

Margaret D'astoli said the garden in front of the Presbetry need urgent attention, it has needed updating for more than the past 12 months. There were more pressing matters which had to be attended to like a repair to the leaking roof and this took first priority. Tina and Doris weed that area now. The palm trees need to be removed as the leaves get into the gutters – this matter will be sent to the Finance Committee as the Parish Council does not have the authority to do this. A motion was moved by Allan Russell to put this to the Finance Committee and seconded by David D'mato. Maintenance of the grounds has been an issue for sometime now as the wrong plants were originally planted. Peter Dowling will bring forward the motion to the Finance Committee. Drains and gutters need to be

examined and cleaned every 4 months or so and the motion will include broadening the Maintenance Programme.

R.C.I.A. Programme went well and thanks goes to Patrick and Deanna Addicoat for all their efforts, 3 candidates and one child went through the programme.

Reports:

The following Committees submitted reports:

Pastoral Council

Finance Committee

Parish Finance Report

Catechists Group

Liturgy Committee

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Fr. Kim as Parish Administrator thanked everyone and said there have been 5 applications for the position of Parish Priest but the cardinal hasn't quite decided so Fr. Kim will be with us until August and will then go to Concord Hospital.

Elections:

The chair was handed over to Pat Budgen to act as Returning Officer for the purpose of the elections. Thanks was given to the committee for performing well while Fr. Peter Lynch was away or sometime and then we had an acting administrator before the arrival of Fr. Kim

Members retiring but standing for reelection:

David D'Mato

June Morris

Samara Kelly

Shaun Brown is retiring

Present and standing for reelection:

Amy Diel

Loredana Festa

Deanna Addicoat

Patrick Addicoat

New Nominations:

Mark Corimal

Kate de Leo

John Martin

Alan Russell.

With the new nominations we now have 11 people Alan Russell suggested we should extend the number of Parish Council members to 11 for the next 12 months as the constitution allows for variation.

Alan Russell put forward this motion and Loredana Festa seconded it. So the new committee was declared instated.

David D'Mato returned to the chair.

General Business:

David D'mato said the Youth Group has now started and we should all do all we can to support this group as it is the future of our Parish.

The Divine Mercy has been repositioned by a parishioner, much to the consternation of some parishioners. To rectify the correct position Peter Dowling – the parish secretary will go to our parish administrator and check the correct positioning. Fr. Kim will find the proper place for this veneration.

David D'mato moved a motion under 9.1 for council procedures to meet once every 3 months, Deanna Addicoat seconded this.

Bishop Brady will be coming on 12<sup>th</sup> June for confirmation at 7 pm. He will also attend the week before to meet the children, there will be 35-40 children.

Peter Dowling thanked everyone for coming, he did produce over 50 copies for the AGM and is concerned over the waste of paper, so these spare copies will be put out for Mass next week so they wont be wasted.

The date for the next Parish council meeting was set down for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

There being no other matters the meeting concluded at 12.15pm with a closing prayer by Fr. Kim.