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| LOCATION: Parochial House  TIME STARTED: 19.00 TIME FINISHED: 20.30 | |
| PRESENT: Fr Michael Sheehan, Angela Brady, Patrice Madden, Maire McGrady, Ollyn O’Neill, Aidan Walker, Michael O’Donnell, Gareth O’Hare, Marion Woods | |
| APOLOGIES: Kristin Neeson, MartinMcLaughlin | |
| **Exceptional Items:** | |
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| Item 1 **Opening Prayer** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Fr Michael led the Opening prayer with a reflection on “Who is my neighbour?” |  |
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| Item 2 **Minutes of Last Meeting** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Minutes of September 2023 meeting were approved | Marion to arrange publication on website |
| Item 3 **Away Day for PPC** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Conversation took place around the difficulties there have been in securing a facilitator for an away day. Members discussed a few avenues that had been investigated since the September meeting.  After discussion it was agreed that members would set aside the next PPC meeting evening for a dedicated planning session. This will ensure that a plan for the forthcoming year is collectively agreed. Maire volunteered to act as facilitator at the meeting and to draw up a timetable/agenda for the session.  It was agreed that members should read over the D&C Pastoral Council Norms ahead of the planning session. | Next meeting to focus on plan for the forthcoming year.  Marion to email Norms to members. |
| Item 4 **Pastoral Initiatives** |  |
| Notes of Discussion |  |
| Fr Michael highlighted that a parish funeral ministry has commenced. He then explained to members what this ministry entails and how it allows lay people of the parish to assist the Parish Priest and get more involved in the parish.  Conversation also took place around a potential dedicated event for families of those baptised in the parish in the last year. Such an event has happened previously with success – on a Sunday afternoon with hospitality provided.  Members also raised ideas for initiatives which could take place in the Parish. These include God Unborn; the JP2 Award; a Parish pizza night; a Lectio Divina group and a Scripture group. | To be discussed further at planning evening. |
| Item 5 **Advent and Lent** | |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| Advent and Lent are two key seasons in the life of the parish. The PPC was effective in leading services during Advent – a prayer service on the first Sunday of Advent and a Festival of Carols to mark the end of the 12 days of Christmas in January. It was agreed that these were events that the PPC could lead again this year.  During Holy Week, on Spy Wednesday, the PPC had led the Tenebrae service and it was an enjoyable and successful event. It was agreed that the PPC would lead on this again in Holy Week 2024. | Re-visit closer to time. |
| Item 6 **AONB** |  |
| Notes of Discussion | Action/s |
| A parishioner had indicated a desire to see a disability support group for families established in the parish. | Suggest to parishioner that a bulletin insert/notification and message through schools be used to assess interest. |
| **Date of Next Meeting** |  |
| Monday 13th November 2023 – planning session |  |

Chairperson’s signature Date

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