

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CLOVELLY – CENTENARY COMMITTEE

Report on meeting held at 7.30pm on 31 March 2016 in the parish meeting room.

Present: Fr Pawel Kopczynski (Parish Priest), Richard Haddock (Acting Chair), Katy Haddock, Graham Russell, Joanne Russell, Chris Lim, Arlie McHatton, Kim Whyte (St Anthony's School Principal), Marita Wells, Helen Taylor, Jim Taylor, Peter Court, Teresa Englen, Jan O'Neill, Michele Bennett, Joanne Sutton

Apologies: Linda Heavener, Sue Stivala, David Chuah, Anthony Crook, Col Blake, Sally Davies, Lisa Gillespie, Kay Benson, Vicki Shirlaw, Nada Luskic (RE Coordinator)

Richard Haddock welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially Michele and Joanne, whose children attend Clovelly Public School. He explained that, while he was happy to chair the Committee for a short time, he is hoping that someone else will be willing to take over the role soon.

Joanne Russell's report of the first meeting of the Committee (held 29 February 2016) had been emailed to those attending and hard copies made available to the parish generally.

Matters raised/discussed at the meeting are listed below.

Spiritual activities:

- Fr Pawel agreed to do a tentative schedule of spiritual events that he would like to have from June 2017 to June 2018.
- Jim Taylor has made a list of priests who have served in the parish, and vocations from the parish, and will give these to Joanne.

St Anthony's School:

- Centenary has already been mentioned in the school newsletter.
- School is getting together the archival material used for the school's 90th anniversary and will bring this to the next Committee meeting.
- Kim agreed to chair the School sub-committee.
- Kim would like to have an Open Day at the school after a 10am Mass and invite the community to visit and see historical display – perhaps a *Then and Now* comparison.

Communications/Publicity

- Joanne reported that a heading **Centenary** has been added to the parish website, and this can be used for notices etc now, and later for advertising events. Committee agreed that reports of its meetings could be posted there (Joanne R to do).
- We also now have a dedicated email address *centenary@stanthonyclovelly.org.au* which needs to be monitored once we begin advertising it.
- To maintain awareness amongst parishioners, monthly centenary snippets should be put in the parish bulletin, eg excerpts from the *Catholic Church Chronicle* which was published monthly from 1938 for a few years (Joanne R to do).
- Joanne Sutton can set up Facebook page if we decide to have one; Instagram was also suggested, and Dropbox (for an electronic storehouse).
- Committee agreed that a special **logo/heading** was needed and it was suggested that we have a logo project/competition for school children, and display their designs; perhaps link to St Anthony somehow.
- Perhaps we should advertise in the parish for someone with graphic design expertise (Col Blake?).
- Joanne R explained that we have a computer data base of Catholics living in the parish, but it has not been updated consistently since she left in 2013; we also have records of baptisms, marriages, and school enrolment records.

History/publication

- Richard will approach Col about being Chair of this sub-committee.
- Need to meet soon with Gary Trompf, who will be writing the history, to show him what we have and to find out what he needs; Fr Pawel will contact him in the first instance.
- Parish groups such as St Vincent de Paul Society should be included in the history.
- Video of current and past parishioners (eg Jim Taylor) telling anecdotes: technology to do this is available in the school; this could be given to Yr 5/6 students as a project; on the other hand, a professional would probably get a better result – we could set a day for filming and ask the parishioners to come on that day; Michele has expertise in this sort of thing and agreed to coordinate it.

Displays

- During the centenary year, we could have changing displays of photographs in the church.
- Joanne R will go through the archives in the parish office to see what photographs are there, and bring them to the next meeting.
- Marcellin College had some great display boards for old photos – Kim will find out more for next meeting.
- New technology has made it easier to get professional photo displays.

Social events

- Fr Pawel said that he would like to have a big function in the summer of 2017.
- Perhaps have a Winter Dance in memory of the monthly winter dances that started in 1937 and continued for many years.
- Parishioners would be asked to pay to attend the major function eg gala dinner.

Fundraising

- Joanna Haddock has experience with selling tea towels and other memorabilia for St Vincent's School.
- Arlie suggested doorknocking shops etc for prizes for raffle, trivia night etc – a poster/certificate would be needed.
- Sell wine with special centenary label – Michaelites have done this very successfully.
- Fr Pawel raised a lot of money at North Ryde parish by putting on 3 course dinners in the monastery, cooked by him (with help from parishioners) – but Clovelly does not have a very suitable dining room.
- The need for fundraising was questioned – why not just have an appeal for funds?

Perpetual recognition

- Peter suggested that the parish install something substantial in perpetual recognition of its centenary, such as a window, statue.
- Other suggestions: construction of more accessible toilet(s) for the church; sculpture by a local artist.
- Fr Pawel said that he would like to do the rose (east) window in the church in stained glass.
- Joanne suggested having an appeal to build something needed in the Michaelite parishes in PNG.

Other ideas

- We should construct a plan/timetable and budget before too much longer.
- We need younger people involved.

Next meeting: Wednesday 4 May 2016 at 7.30pm in the parish meeting room (Fr Pawel will be on leave)