

NORTH BELFAST PASTORAL AREA TEAM

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th January 2015 at 7.30pm
in Holy Cross Monastery, Ardoyne.

1. Opening Prayer.

Father Dominic was introduced and welcomed.

2. Present –

St Patrick's Parish –

Maire MacDermott (Chairman), Father Michael Sheehan, Father Dominic McGrattan

Holy Family Parish –

Ann D'Arcy (Secretary), Brian Shannon, Maire Hughes

Holy Cross Parish –

Father Eugene McCarthy, Wilma Lynch, John Morrison

Sacred Heart Parish –

Father Martin Magill, Cecilia McCloskey, Marian Robertson

St Vincent de Paul Parish –

Father Patrick Devlin, Aldrin Banas

3. Apologies –

Holy Family – Father Paul Strain

Sacred Heart Parish – Rosemary McCloskey

St Patrick's – Patricia Shearer

4. The Minutes of the meeting held on 15.12.2014 were approved. [Proposed by Brian Shannon, seconded by Cecilia McCloskey]

5. Matters arising from the Minutes – listed on the Agenda

6. Areas of Work – progress reports

- i. Half-day of Reflection – it was agreed that another session should be planned. To this end, the sub-Committee [Maire Hughes, Marian Robertson, Wilma Lynch, Father Patrick Devlin] will reconvene and bring forward proposals in respect of a facilitator, date, venue, 'target audience' and Bulletin notice for consideration at the next meeting.
- ii. Baptism DVD – Father Devlin met with Mark [Mercy College Media Productions] last week. Mark will contact the 5 Parishes to arrange the consent of the families concerned and dates/times for recording the celebration of the Sacrament. The Priests and Baptism Teams will edit the footage, provide a commentary etc. Timescale – end of March. Information is to be sought from The Family Ministry Office in respect of their Baptism Programme [Ann].
- iii. Audit of Parish Resources – Maire Hughes, Patricia Shearer, Wilma Lynch and Marian Robertson met in St Patrick's Presbytery on Monday 12th January to take this matter forward. They raised concerns around the quantity of information, changing personnel, electronic v paper versions etc. It was agreed that each Parish should have a hyperlink to the other 4 Parishes in the Pastoral Area on its website.

Father Michael will draw up a template and present core information pertinent to each Parish.

Father Devlin suggested posting the Bulletins of the 5 Parishes on each Church noticeboard.

- iv. Ministry of Welcome – Jim Deeds [Living Church] met with representatives of the Parish Ministry of Welcome Teams on 19th January in the Gathering Space of Holy Family Church. [St. Patrick's and Holy Family Parishes in attendance]. Some out working of this Ministry is taking place e.g. the pupils from Holy Family and St Therese Primary Schools have displayed Welcome Posters in a variety of languages for the HF Churches. However, Father Martin expressed some disappointment about the pace of progress in Sacred Heart Parish. A further meeting with Jim Deeds is scheduled for 18th May. Maire Hughes volunteered to email a reminder to all concerned 10 days before the date.
 - v. IBDI – North Belfast Pilot - [Holy Cross Boys' PS, St Vincent de Paul PS, Holy Family PS] – the training of teachers, funded by the Public Health Agency, is underway and dates are being arranged for the delivery of workshops for parents / sponsors. Father Devlin, John and Ann will meet with Martin Bradley, Chairman of the Diocesan IBDI Committee, and Anne McDermott-Butler, Secretary, on Thursday 29th January for an up-date and further planning.
7. Formation of Pastoral Communities –
It was proposed that the Pastoral Area Team should respond to the Living Church document 'Creating Pastoral Communities' [10th January 2015]. To this end, all members of the Pastoral Area Team are invited to join the Priests for an initial discussion following the Vicariate meeting scheduled for Monday 2nd February.
Time – 5pm. Venue – St. Malachy's Seminary, 120 Cliftonville Road [former Poor Clare Convent].
8. A.O.B.
- Evaluation of the pilot Pastoral Area Team – Father Alan McGuckien to be contacted.
 - Jung Type Indicator – this programme is delivered by Sister Anna Byrne, Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. To be raised at the next meeting.
 - 6 week Bible Study Course – Father Martin will contact Paula McKeown [Living Church] for details and email the Team with details.
9. Date of next meeting – **Tuesday 10th March at 7.45pm in St Patrick's Old School.**
[Change of date due to the Eamon Phoenix Lecture, one of the events planned by St Patrick's Parish to celebrate the bi-Centenary]