

MINUTES of the Meeting of Consultors and Personnel Board held at the Diocesan Offices, Ballarat on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 1991 at 10.30 AM. 309

PRESENT Bishop R. Mulkeerns, Mons. H. Nolan V.C., Fr. J. Martin, P. Bohan, D. Arundell, P. Culligan, J. McKinnon and P. Colley. (Study Leave: B. Finnigan)

MINUTES The Minutes of the previous Meeting, held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1991 were read and accepted.  
Moved: P. Colley  
Seconded: J. McKinnon Carried

- MATTERS ARISING
1. Daylesford Parish: No change since last meeting. There is to be a letter sent to the Melbourne V.C. clarifying remuneration for the present Parish Priest.
  2. R.E.C.: Fr. Kevin Maloney has accepted the future Directorship as offered by Bishop Mulkeerns. The question was aired as to the location of preparatory studies for Kevin. (i.e. possibly elsewhere than U.S.A.) These studies will not commence until the 1992 calendar year.
  3. Fr. Michael McKinnon: Chile mission interest. The Bishop has spoken to Michael concerning any move from Hopetoun Parish. It seems likely that the early part of 1992 may see a move.
  4. Fr. Dan Torpy: Corpus Christi Seminary has requested that Dan remains there until mid-1992 in order to secure the adequate settling-in of his replacement at the Seminary. The Bishop proposed that the Consultors agree to this request. Accepted.

STAFFING The Bishop stated that this session was an overview of the general situation, prior to actually making new appointments.  
Vicar General: The Bishop reported that Fr. Brian Finnigan is the clear preference of the clergy. The Bishop is pleased to endorse this preference.

Mons. H. Nolan, V.G. will continue in the Office of V.G. until Fr. Finnigan returns to the Diocese, by the beginning of September, 1991.

PRES:

Penshurst: Fr. P.D. Ryan has resigned from the Parish. Bishop Mulhearn has accepted the resignation.

Ararat: Fr. Justin Woodford is undergoing serious medical treatment, for approx 6 months, necessitating an absence from the Parish. He feels this should signal his permanent departure from the Parish and the appointment of a new Assistant Priest. The Bishop has in principle indicated his acceptance of this position.

MATT:

ARIST:

Vacant Parishes: Penshurst, Warrnambool and Beaufort require new Parish Priests. (Presuming the resignation of Fr. Finnigan from Warrnambool.) The Bishop feels that at present Beaufort should be held in reserve as the possible residence for the next Vicar General.

Fr. Gary Jones is anxious to leave Beaufort at the earliest opportunity.

Fr. Pat Mugevin: has indicated to the Bishop that he is not keen to be appointed as a Parish Priest upon his return to the Diocese in July. He prefers if possible to do some time as an Assistant Priest.

STAFF:

**ACTION** Parishes of Warrnambool and Penshurst to be advertised through Diocesan mail. Fr. Kevin Mahoney's future appointment also to be made known.

**NEXT MEETING** The next meeting will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm to discuss further developments in staffing areas.

No further business.

The Meeting concluded at Noon.

+ Robert J. Mulhearn  
Bishop of Ballarat

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