

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2017 @ 4.00PM  
CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

The meeting opened at 4pm with the Friends' traditional prayer in which all present joined in.

**PRESENT:** Annette Marskell, Betty Hanrahan, Antoinette Cornelius, Helen Hofman, Marguerite Ghafari, Richard Flynn, Richard Stevens and Sev Milazzo.

**APOLOGIES:** Fr Don Richardson, Jacqueline Roche, Ellen Boissett and Michael Douglas.

The new President thanked the current committee, especially Michael Douglas, and previous committee members for their service to the Friends and to the Cathedral.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

1. Ellen's icons and stoles project is now complete and finalised. The proposed Australia Day vestment exhibition is on hold pending further deliberations
2. Angelus Bell plaque has been installed in the south east tower.
3. Basilica entitlements – no further update. When they have been received, the Friends will celebrate with a special Mass.
4. The chamber organ is due to arrive in September and \$25,000 has been reserved for payment.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Much soul searching and review has gone into the Friends and it is now time to move forward with new and with updated processes to activate membership and make it easier and more IT / website friendly wherever possible. Accepted.

With the counsel of Makinson D'Apice, Richard will explore the possibility of a DGR (deductible gift recipient) component into the Friends fundraising strategy. Accepted.

The President proposed a wording for a mission statement. Accepted.

He also proposed that 6 meetings / information nights annually be held to publicise the Cathedral and Friends. He would sound out the sacristan as a first guest speaker. He also proposed that the Friends adopt a Westminster Cathedral style calendar of events.

He also suggested that the Committee have a Members Liaison Officer who would be the first contact for membership inquiries. Helen was nominated and will work with Jacqueline Roche in updating membership details and provide up an to date number of Friends. Currently there are 32 life members and a maximum of 160 friends.

Under new legislative requirements the Friends have to have a Public Officer resident at the place of the concern. To be examined in conjunction with the Constitution review by the President and Anthony Restuccia.

The President has proposed that as per attachment membership fees and subscription arrangements be restructured. An on line web based service (eg Wild Apricot) be used to manage membership – join, renew, acknowledgement, notification of events, pay for events etc. This will be cheaper than the current credit card system. Mail subscriptions will be maintained. Paypal option will also be available. Annette to cancel current arrangements. Endorsed.

Website: A separate website is to be maintained (Wild Apricot) apart from the current Cathedral website which makes no mention of the Friends. Discussion on links to both sites.

Brochure on stained glass windows is on hold pending further discussion. Needs to be of high quality, done well and glossy. Not a freebie to be handed out but sold at the Gift Shop.

St Patrick's Day Luncheon to be further discussed on 13 February 2017:

1. Richard to confirm with Dean on his return availability of Cathedral House;
2. Richard to sound out availability of Auxiliary Bishop Umbers as Guest Speaker;
3. Helen Hofman to speak with Helen from Cathedral House to arrange for main and dessert, tea, coffee and red and white wine – vegetarian option – @\$100 per head;
4. Tombola to be arranged with Friends to provide gifts; and
5. Richard to design invitations.

Archbishop's Dinner: Sev proposed the idea of a prestige Archbishop's Dinner (based on the Catholic Women's League annual Cardinal's Dinner) to be held in September as a major fund raising event with the possible inclusion of a DGR component. Further discussion.

Christmas Lights Cocktail Party – to be pursued with Dean for availability of Cathedral House.

Stained Glass Windows Illumination. Likely to be an expensive project. In abeyance pending further discussions.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As attached

**GENERAL BUSINESS:** Discussion on AGM date. It can be brought forward but not deferred. November suggested to avoid Christmas frenzy. Further discussion.

**NEXT MEETING:** MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2017 @ 4PM.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** We thank you, O Lord, for thy gifts as we particularly remember the generosity of the Friends, past and

present, and we ask that you reward with eternal life those who have gone before us and that you bless us who live that we might glorify your Name. Amen.