

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2017 @ 2.00PM
CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

The meeting opened at 2pm with the Friends' traditional prayer in which all present joined in.

OPENING PRAYER:

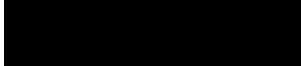
Dearest Jesus, teach us to be generous, to love and serve You as You deserve, to give and not count the cost, to fight and not heed the wounds, to toil and not seek reward, save that of knowing we do Your holy will. Amen.

Gathered in Your name, we come before You, Holy Spirit, and ask that You enlighten our hearts to know Your will and make it our own in our own lives and in that of this committee. Amen.

PRESENT: Annette Marskell, Ellen Boissett, Annette Cornelius, Marguerite Ghafari, Helen Hofman, Richard Flynn, Sev Milazzo, Anthony Restuccia and Michael Douglas.

APOLOGIES: Betty Hanrahan, Jacqueline Roche and Richard Stevens (standing apology).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sincere Thank You Card received from  for sympathy card sent to her.
2. Sunday 10 December has been earmarked as Basilica Insignia Day and Membership drive. Ushers may be used as contact points for regular Mass attendees. Suggestions of tea / coffee gatherings or cold drinks and fruit cake where attendees can just chat.

3. Christmas Lights Cocktail Party date to be advised for date other than opening night. Discussion with Dean to be had.
4. Richard Flynn and Anthony Restuccia to meet for Constitution update.
5. Sev to follow up with Helen M re status of Cathedral 2021 book enquiries.
6. It is hoped that the chamber organ will be ready by Advent. Thomas Wilson wants to acknowledge his appreciation by hosting a small concert with a string quartet. The Friends will explore outside caterers for canapés and drinks.
7. Suggestion that the next talk be given by Chris Backhouse on the stained glass windows.
8. A function be held for the Life Members who number approximately 40+.
9. Sadly, "Gathering" is no longer being published. It is hoped that the Friends publish a scaled down but attractive version in April and October. Helen will coordinate contributions. Previous guest speakers will be asked to provide copy of their information talks.
10. Two new Life Members applications for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have been received, considered and approved with payments received.
11. About 20 people attended the Murray-Luke presentation.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As presented and accepted.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2017 @ 2PM.

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.

Our Lady Help of Christians, guard our land and pray for us.