

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 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, Annette Marskell, Betty Hanrahan, Marguerite Ghafari, Richard Flynn, Richard Stevens and Sev Milazzo, .

**APOLOGIES:** Helen Hofman, Antoinette Cornelius, Jacqueline Roche, Michael Douglas and Anthony Restuccia.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Helen Morassut's notes on Cathedral 2021 – to be forwarded to Committee members for their consideration and input for our next meeting in January 2018.
2. Basilica Insignia Day and Membership drive has been put back to 17 December 2017 as His Grace is unavailable for the original date. 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 will be held on Tuesday 19 December 2017 in Cathedral House at 6.30pm at a cost of \$60 pp. Unfortunately chairs will not be provided for the viewing of the lights in the Cathedral Piazza.
4. Richard Flynn will contact D'Apice Solicitors direct to progress the Constitution update.
5. The Chamber Organ will not be ready for Advent 2017 as anticipated. 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.
6. Suggestion that the next talk be given by Chris Backhouse on the stained glass windows.
7. A possible function be held for the Life Members who number approximately 40+ will be discussed at the next meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As presented and accepted.

**NEXT MEETING:** TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2018 @ 2PM.

**Also note that the AGM is to be held in February 2018 when it is hoped that the new Constitution will be presented.**

**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.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.