

**THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2018 @ 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: Ellen Boissett, Marguerite Ghafari, Betty Hanrahan, Helen Hofman, Annette Marskell, Richard Flynn and Sev Milazzo.

APOLOGIES: Antoinette Cornelius, Jacqueline Roche, Michael Douglas Anthony Restuccia and Richard Stevens.

NEW BUSINESS:

- As the President had a copy of the proposed Constitution, he proposed that the proposed Constitution be considered and discussed and amended as necessary as a matter of urgency and that other matters be deferred till later in the meeting. Agreed.
- Several amendments were proposed and agreed to by the Committee for referral back to Makinson D'Apice on Monday. The Committee authorised the President to endorse any subsequent amendments suggested by the lawyers.
- Amendments included: Deletion of Concessional Member; Secretary or President to be Public Officer; deletion of the requirement for Archbishop's approval for the expulsion of a Member; clarification of composition of the Committee - the Dean is an ex officio member of the Committee and is not elected to the Committee; addition of "or" to Section 23.1. (a) or (b); removal of Section 27.3; Quorum to be increased to 4;
- Questions from solicitors re draft constitution: Committee deleted reference to concessional members; Committee agreed to expulsion of members for outstanding fees of 3 months; Yes to maximum number of committee members; No to maximum terms of office bearers; Yes to automatic retirement of committee members immediately prior to AGM election; No to increase of quorum; Yes to circulating resolution; No to proxies; clarification Of Friends' financial year – current financial year to end 30 October 2018 and after acceptance of Constitution to end 30 June.
- Marguerite offered to pay for the cake for the AGM – gratefully accepted.
- A St Patrick's Day Luncheon Subcommittee under Helen Hofman is to plan the luncheon. Luncheon will be held on Friday 16 March 2018 hopefully in Cathedral House. It was suggested that Andrew O'Keefe be invited as Guest Speaker and that the President would issue an invitation. Another suggested speaker was Dr Gordian Fulde from St Vincent's Hospital. Luncheon would comprise 3 courses at a cost per person of \$100.
- Profit from the Lights Cocktail Party amounted to \$1000.

☒ Chamber Organ is about to be shipped.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As presented and accepted.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2018 @ 2PM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Also after discussion relating to the proposed Constitution and its required promulgation to the membership prior to the AGM, it was agreed that the AGM be deferred from Sunday 25 February 2018 to Sunday 11 March 2018 following the Friends' Mass and refreshments. The venue to be either Chapter House or Cathedral House.

This was as the proposed Constitution had to be in Members' hands for consideration 21 days prior to its being voted on at the AGM.

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.