

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY 09 FEBRUARY 2018 @ 2.00PM
CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

The meeting was 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: Marguerite Ghafari, Betty Hanrahan, Annette Marskell, Richard Flynn, Anthony Restuccia and Sev Milazzo.

APOLOGIES: Antoinette Cornelius, Jacqueline Roche, Michael Douglas, Helen Hofman and Richard Stevens.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The St Patrick's Day Luncheon planned for Friday 16 March 2018 has had to be rescheduled as Cathedral House is unavailable. Other dates – 15/03 or 19/03 - are being canvassed. It was further suggested that a day more in keeping with the Cathedral history such as 24 May – the Patronal Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians – be given serious consideration. Luncheon would still comprise 3 courses at a cost per person of \$100.

- Constitution discussion: Anthony belatedly raised a significant number of points he had concerns with over a period of 35 minutes though the President reiterated he would allow him only 10 minutes as Anthony had not returned the President's previous and recent emails regarding the proposed amendments. Anthony suggested that the President and he meet with Markinson D'Apice on Tuesday to discuss his proposed amendments. Agreed as long as it would not further delay the AGM scheduled for 11 March 2018 at which the proposed Constitution would be voted on.
- Chamber Organ has been received and is being installed today. The Treasurer presented Thomas Wilson with the cheque as payment for which he was most grateful. Thomas to advise soiree date
- Newsletter – deferred to next meeting
- Life Members' Event – deferred to next meeting
- Evening Information Talks – pending
- Cathedral 2021 – to be publicised at AGM and have Helen M address Friends at a subsequent meeting to clarify Secretary's concerns at what should a budget be as he thought this was crucial to getting the project underway. The President opined that this could be the Friends' major project.
- Membership Drive – a drive should be held 3 to 4 times a year with a future emphasis on community building and learning how to do the drive better. Dates to be discussed at next meeting.
- Helen H to organise cake and refreshments for AGM for about 40 guests with Marguerite generously paying for the cake.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As presented and accepted together with amended report from previous meeting of 23 January 2018.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2018 @ 2PM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: This will be held on Sunday 11 March 2018 at the Chapter House following the Friends' Mass at 10.30am and refreshments afterwards.

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.