

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

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

**OPENING PRAYERS:**

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:** Fr Don Richardson, Ellen Boissett, Marguerite Ghafari, Betty Hanrahan, Helen Hofman, Annette Marskell, Richard Flynn, Anthony Restuccia and Sev Milazzo.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Constitution:** The Dean voiced a number of concerns he had with the proposed constitution including tax status, membership classifications, applications for membership, distinction between Dean and Administrator et alia and the need to ensure, that in the current climate where the Church is subject to intense scrutiny, that all Church agencies' policies and practices within the Archdiocese were consistent with each other. As this would need to be referred to His Grace the Archbishop for his endorsement, he advised that the

discussion on the Constitution would need to be removed from the Agenda.

**St Patrick's Day Luncheon:** The St Patrick's Day Luncheon planned for Friday 16 March 2018 has had to be rescheduled due to misunderstandings. It is now proposed that it be held on Thursday 24 May 2018 – the Patronal Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians. Luncheon would still comprise 3 courses at a cost per person of \$100. [REDACTED] would again be asked to be the guest speaker.

**Chamber Organ** has been installed and is proving most successful.

**AGM Refreshments:** Helen Hofman provided quotes from Celeste Catering for sandwiches, cakes, tea, coffee and orange juice - \$498.75 and staff costs - \$805 for 25 attendees. Accepted.

**St Patrick's Day Luncheon 2019:** Agreed that it would be held on Monday 18 March 2018 in Cathedral House.

**Newsletter:** Helen asked for contributions from Michael and from Anthony and Annette covering previous Speakers' Nights.

**Life Members event:** Discussions centred on type of function to be held in Cathedral House. It was agreed that a morning tea be held in July / August.

**Life Members Presentation:** This would take place at the AGM for Marguerite Ghafari.

There would be follow up on [REDACTED] life membership status.

**Evening Information Talks:** The Dean indicated willingness to give a walk through talk on the stained glass windows later in the year when the daylight was better.

**Cathedral 2021:** – to be publicised at AGM. and have Helen M address Friends at a subsequent meeting to clarify Committee's concerns at what should a budget be as it was thought this was crucial to getting the project underway. It was realised that it might not be a money making venture. The President opined that this could be the Friends' major project. Members were asked to come to the next meeting with thoughts on the discussion paper previously distributed.

**Membership Drive:** A drive should be held 3 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 in conjunction with Cathedral calendar.

██████████: The Secretary advised that he had sent a condolence message to ██████████ and family on the death of ██████████.

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Names of new members are to be published in the newsletter.
- Committee members should have name badges for functions
- Friends to look at providing or subsidising all altar frontals in the appropriate liturgical colours with donors' names being embroidered on them. The Dean is to advise number of frontals required.

**NEXT MEETING:** FRIDAY 20 APRIL 2018 @ 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.