THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY 6 JUNE 2018 @ 2PM 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, 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 mark it our own in our own lives and in that of this Committee. Amen.

PRESENT

Marguerite Ghafari, Betty Hanrahan, Annette Marskell, Richard Flynn (Chairman), Anthony Restuccia (Acting Minute Secretary).

APOLOGIES

Ellen Boisette, Helen Hofman, Michael Douglas, Sev Milazzo, Rev Fr Don Richardson.

MINUTES OF MEETING of 20 April 2018 distributed. MINUTES passed as a true record of the Meeting with amending word "application" for "appreciation" regarding Life Membership.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Chamber Organ: New event to be arranged.
- Constitution update: No reply from Dean.
- Confirmed as life member.
- <u>Coffee Table Catholic Book 2021 Project</u>: Sev Milazzo absent. Deferred to next meeting.
- Life Membership Event: Deferred to next meeting.
- Membership Drive: Deferred.

SPECIFIC ITEMS

Program of Events

- Evenings Talks.
 All at 6:30pm in a Cathedral Building. \$10 members; \$15 non-members.
- <u>Music Talk by Thomas Wilson</u>
 Scheduled for 14 June 2018. President organizing.
- <u>Sacristan Talk by Chris Backhouse</u>
 Tentatively for July 2018. Being organised by Anthony Restuccia.
- <u>Dieter Koch, Building Manager</u>
 Talk hopefully in September 2018. Being organised by Helen Hofman.
- Murray Luke Peard, Bell Ringers' Director Talk
 Being organised by Annette Marskell. Hopefully to be held in November 2018.
- Proposed talk by Rev Dean Father Richardson on "Cathedral Windows" to be confirmed. Hopefully it might be held in October 2018.
- MAJOR SPRING EVENT 2018 WITH GUEST SPEAKER
 Held discussion. Event supported. Dates proposed 18 or 24 September 2018.
 Suggested Guest Speaker Alan Jones. Annette Marskell to check his availability.
- TREASURER'S WRITTEN REPORT (21/4 5/6/2018) DATED 6 JUNE 2018 Presented and circulated. Income B/F \$23,533.40. Payments to date \$54,485.88. Cash at hand \$14,647.14. Commitments to purchase Insignia Stand (est) \$2,000.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- President reported that the secretary had forwarded letters of appreciation to retired Committee Members Jacqueline Roche and Richard Stevens
- President proposed holding further Trivia Night later this year in summer time.
- President reported that he was able to join the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Dean on the Choir's successful recent overseas Tour.
- St Patrick's Day Lunch'2019 Deferred.
- Newsletter: Articles being prepared.
- Recommended that a list of details of the Committee Members be circulated to the Committee.

NEXT MEETING: 3 August 2018 at 2pm at Cathedral House.

The meeting closed with the usual closing prayers.

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, Pray for us.

Chairman:

Date: 3 August 2018