

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY 03 AUGUST 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: Ellen Boissett, Marguerite Ghafari, Annette Marskell, Richard Flynn, Anthony Restuccia and Sev Milazzo.

APOLOGIES: Betty Hanrahan, Helen Hofman, Fr Don Richardson and Michael Douglas.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5 September 2018 @ 2.00pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fr Don extended his apologies and advised that that he would circulate a discussion paper within the next couple of weeks.
2. Guest Speaker Talks: The Wilson talk went well. The Chris Backhouse talk is scheduled for Thursday 16 August 2018 in the Chapter House and afterwards in the Sacristy. Anthony is to confirm the date with the Sacristan. Other suggestions for Guest Speakers include Murray Luke Peard for November and Fr Don in October.

3. Spring Luncheon is awaiting confirmation from Alan Jones that he has accepted to be its Guest Speaker. In the event of his not being able to accept, other nominations include Mike Bailey and Geraldine Doogue. In the President's absence, the Vice President will preside. Parties will liaise with Helen on the arrangements. **PS: Annette subsequently confirmed today (08.08.18) that Alan Jones had agreed to be Guest Speaker.**
4. Newsletter: After some discussion it was agreed that production of a newsletter was not viable for the time being and would be reviewed at a later date.
5. Life Members Event: deferred.
6. Membership Drive: deferred.
7. 2 Sympathy cards have been forwarded to the family of the late Joan Somerfield.
8. [REDACTED]
9. Cathedral 2021. After much anguished reflection on the financial side inter alia, it was agreed that the Friends would not pursue this project.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As presented and accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Ellen has advised that she has "velcroed" the icons onto the chasubles.

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.

