

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 05 SEPTEMBER 2018 @ 2.30PM
CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

The meeting was opened at 2.30pm 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, Betty Hanrahan, Helen Hofman, Annette Marskell, Fr Don Richardson, Richard Flynn, Anthony Restuccia and Sev Milazzo.

APOLOGIES: None was tendered.

NEXT MEETING: Friday 12 October 2018 @ 2.00pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Guest Speaker Talks: The Sacristan's talk went well and favourable comments were made on his interesting and historical revelations. Other Guest Speakers include Murray Luke Peard for 8 November 2018 at 6.30pm and Fr Don on 18 October 2018 also at 6.30pm.
2. Alan Jones has accepted to be the Guest Speaker at the Spring / St Matthew's Day Luncheon. In the President and Vice President's absence, Helen would preside and Annette give the

vote of thanks. Parties will liaise with Helen on the arrangements. Menu no 4 will be provided. At this stage there are 34 attendees. A streamlined raffle would be held with gift vouchers to be provided by Annette, Betty and Sev. Ellen would donate table mats for the raffle. Marguerite would donate wine / scotch and Helen would provide flowers per table. Event will be publicised in the Cathedral Bulletin.

3. Life Members Event: deferred to 2019.
4. Membership Drive: deferred.
5. Altar Frontals: initially proposed for the Irish Saints Chapel in the prescribed liturgical colours - green, white, red and violet and other options such as rose, black and gold. Ellen is to investigate the practicality of having the frontals mounted on frames.
6. Constitution Update: The dean circulated his discussion paper which outlined concerns on and need for corporate membership and the dispute resolution procedures which he thought were complex and rather extended. He reiterated that the Friends' constitution needed to be in unison with all the other Archdiocesan and allied agency constitutions. After much discussion it was agreed that the group membership as proposed would stand. The president would consult with the lawyers to clarify whether a representative of the corporate membership could serve on the committee. As for the dispute resolution issue, it was agreed that it should stand.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As presented and accepted. Invoice for the Basilica insignia was received and accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- It was noted that the minutes of 6 June 2018 and 3 August 2018 had not been minuted as having been "accepted". These were subsequently accepted.

- The Dean advised that restoration work in situ of the Stations of the Cross would begin shortly.
- The Thomas Wilson “thank you” function is still to be arranged.

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.