

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER
2018 @ 2.00PM
CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

The meeting was opened at 2.00pm 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: Betty Hanrahan, Helen Hofman, Annette Marskell, Fr Don Richardson, Richard Flynn, Anthony Restuccia and Sev Milazzo.

APOLOGIES: Michael Douglas.

NEXT MEETING: Friday 16 November 2018 @ 2.00pm.

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Guest Speaker Talks: Guest Speakers, Fr Don and Murray Luke Peard will deliver their respective talks on 18 October 2018 and November 2018 at 6.30pm. Hopefully lighting will be sufficiently ok for the stained glass windows to be viewed properly. Otherwise the Dean will arrange for this to be so and will focus on the historical windows. The Thomas Wilson is in discussions with the President for an early December recital.

2. The Spring Luncheon was a financial success with a surplus of \$1516.86 including \$460 proceeds from the raffle. There were 43 attendees.
3. Altar Frontals: No discussion in Ellen's absence.
4. 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. It was also agreed not to accept Mr Restuccia's offer to submit another version of the proposed constitution. Mr Restuccia reiterated his concerns that this version did not reflect the Fair Trading Model Constitution. The Dean submitted that there be no further discussion on the proposed constitution and that we move on. The President accepted Mr Restuccia's recommendation that a format showing current and proposed constitutions with clauses at variance be provided for the AGM The President agreed to do this.
5. Minutes were moved by Richard Flynn, seconded by Annette Marskell and accepted by the committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As presented and accepted. Invoice for the Basilica insignia was received. The treasurer noted an amendment of \$2.50 debit which would be reflected in the next report. Moved by the President and seconded by Helen Hofman. Accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. The Christmas Lights Cocktail Party will not be held.

2. A trivia night will be held with a tentative date of 24 November 2018. It is hoped that this date will minimise negative factors such as uni exams, timing, winter etc. Onus of organising will need to be spread more widely.
3. The Dean advised that red and gold golf type umbrellas a la Basilica entitlements would be available - for a fee - about Christmastide and would make attractive, excellent and unique Christmas gifts.
4. Helen announced that she would not stand for election at the AGM. The Committee expressed its regret and noted her generous and tireless service.
5. Dates proposed for the AGM be either 18 November or 16 December and to be referred to the Dean.
6. St Patrick's Day Luncheon proposed for Monday 18 March 2018 at Cathedral House and to be confirmed with the Dean. It was also flagged that when considering a speaker, the Committee should consider the appropriateness of said speaker

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.

