

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY 31
JANUARY 2019 @ 2.00PM CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

PRESENT: Marguerite Ghafari, Betty Hanrahan, Carolyn Lewis, Annette Marskell, Richard Flynn, Sev Milazzo and Anthony Restuccia.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 27 February 2019 at 3.15pm.

APOLOGIES: Nil.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 16 November 2018, moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Betty Hanrahan, were accepted. There were no minutes from 24 January 2019 as there was no quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As tabled, moved by Annette Marskell and seconded by Richard Flynn, were accepted.

1. The president welcomed the newly elected committee member Carolyn Lewis. He also expressed words of thanks for the services to the Friends by retiring members Ellen Boissett, Helen Hoffman and Michael Douglas. The Secretary noted that Helen Hofman was grateful for and deeply touched by the presentation of the plaque at the AGM.
2. The President advised that the Constitution had been forwarded to the Department of Fair Trading for registration. Also Makinson D'Apice had arranged for registration of the Friends as a charity.
3. Altar Frontals - quotes to be arranged for the Irish Saints Altar for the various liturgical colours - white / gold, green, violet, rose.
4. Wish list for possible projects for the Friends to initiate.

5. Trivia Night set for Saturday 2 March 2019 at 6.30pm. Supper provided, BYO with drinking vessels provided by the Friends. The President proposed that younger guests would be given a year's free membership for the price of the trivia ticket as an incentive to join the Friends on a longer term basis. Moved by Annette Marskell, seconded by Sev Milazzo and adopted. Cost for members and their guests \$25, non members \$30. Prizes to be donated etc. Annette would donate 2 bottles of wine.
6. St Patrick's Day Luncheon - Monday 18 March 2019 at noon for 12.30pm. Sev to liaise with mehul re their costs - suggested 3 course luncheon at a cost to members of \$100 per head.
7. Sev and Annette to archive in April.
8. Future directions - imperative to focus on a younger generation with events geared to them.
9. Information sessions - Murray Luke Peard, Chris Backhouse, Fr Don.
10. Friends brochures have been reprinted and will be sent out with trivia night / St Patrick's Luncheon mailout.
11. The Secretary to sound out the Dean re Archbishop attending St Pat's Day Luncheon.

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.

