

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FRIDAY 15 MARCH  
2019 @ 15.15 CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

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

**APOLOGIES:** NIL

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 8 May 2019 at 15.15.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of meeting of 27 February 2019, moved by Betty Hanrahan and seconded by Richard Flynn, were accepted.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

1. Constitution and registration to be followed up with D'Apice Mackinson; forms for completion by committee for registration for Friends as charity signed.
2. Photos of stained glass windows - not being proceeded with.
3. Altar frontals - Sev and Ellen are still awaiting response from the Sacristan [REDACTED] to have discussions with him regarding measurements and his specific requirements for the Irish Saints Altar. And then arrange for quotes taking into account costs for ecclesiastical fabrics and depending upon quotes in liturgical colours of white / gold, green, red, violet, rose. Committee members to have a look at the website for discussion at next meeting - [ISTOK.NET/LITURGICAL](http://ISTOK.NET/LITURGICAL)

**FABRICS:**

4. Trivia Night - 100 acceptances - 13 tables. Grazing platters, 26 pizzas, salads, fruit and cake. Pizzas were cooked in College kitchen. Some more consideration will need to be given how catering will be organised and by whom for next Trivia Night - possibly September - and cleaning up afterwards was a mammoth job. Hot food, mobile pizza kitchens and other options  
Thanks to Annette for her 2 bottles of wine and to Marguerite for

her donation of \$150 towards the event. Betty and Sev also assisted in preparation of food. Event resulted in 3 new Friends.

5. St Patrick's Day Luncheon - approx 43 acceptances at this stage. 3 course luncheon of warm bread rolls, lemongrass prawn skewers, individually wrapped beef wellingtons with seasonal vegetables and beef jus, pavlova with seasonal fruit, water, juices, wines, tea and coffee. 3 course luncheon costing \$47 per head with total cost for 45 guests at \$3405.93. Scaled down raffle with a maximum of 10 prizes - gift cards, wine etc. Marguerite donated bottle of whisky and red wine for raffle and also biscuits to go with tea and coffee. Betty and Annette donated \$100 DJs gift cards, Sev donated \$50 GU Theatre gift card and \$50 Dymocks card for thank you to Guest Speaker, Dr Anthony Cleary.
6. Sev to follow up on Female Saints plaque with Matthew (?).

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **New Members:** Applications for membership for [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] (Trivia Night Applicants) and [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were received, considered and approved with receipt of payment where applicable - except for 3 young people following Trivia Night Incentive. Moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Betty Hanrahan.
2. **Information Talks:** The Dean will give two talks - one on the stained glass windows and the other on the crypt. Windows to be held on Thursday 5 December 2019 and the Crypt talk on Sunday 23 June 2019. Carolyn will liaise with Margaret Hill from the bellringers to arrange a belltower visit. Sev to liaise with Chris Backhouse for 6.30pm Thursday 23 May 2019 for his talk. Richard to speak with Thomas Wilson for his talk. Date to be advised.

3. **Future Guest Speakers**: Incoming Governor Margaret Beazely, Incoming Governor General David Hurley, Josie Sharbel (St Canice's Kitchen), Alex Greenwich MP (Filthy Rich and Homeless), .....
4. **Future Functions / Initiatives**: discussions on moving St Patrick's Luncheon to a Feast more in keeping with the Cathedral - May / Our Lady Help of Christians Patronal Feast or September / Cathedral Opening. We should investigate joint functions with other cathedral bodies such as Singers / Bellringers to capture greater numbers if we have VIPs as Guest Speaker. Pursue recruitment activities after Mass.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**: As tabled, moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Sev Milazzo, were accepted.

**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.