

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY 8 MAY
2019 @ 15.15 CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

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

APOLOGIES: Carolyn Lewis, Anthony Restuccia & Fr Don Richardson.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 19 June 2019 at 15.15.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 15 March 2019, moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Betty Hanrahan, were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING: Nil:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Altar Frontals:** Ellen advised that because of health reasons she would be unable to progress with this project. The Secretary subsequently had a meeting with the Sacristan prior to the meeting to invite him to the meeting and to discuss the specific frontals and measurements for frontals. He opined that this could be an expensive and lengthy task - especially if the project were to involve more than one liturgical colour: white / gold, green, red, violet, rose. Initially he proposed that we contact Helen at Church Stores to arrange a quote. He then suggested that he would try to make contact with Louise who made the frontals for the High and the Forward Altars and who would give a more favourable quote than Church Stores and who was familiar with what was required. Recalling the President's suggestion that we think about what the Friends could give the Cathedral, I asked him if there was anything he could suggest: Linen Altar cloths and a set of six candlesticks and a crucifix which could be used for the various Masses on

the Forward Altar daily except for when His Grace celebrates Mass. These could be of gilded wood and 1.5 feet / 60cms high. The price was quite reasonable (\$2000) and would be readily available. Website is: Gruppoluturgico.com.it

2. **St Patrick's Day Luncheon:** Preliminary figures show a loss of \$109 on the function. Annette to review figures as it was thought that a small profit would be made on the initial costings and number of guests.
3. **The Lady Chapel Female Saints:** The Secretary wrote to Matthew Holle seeking his assistance in organising a plaque for the donors of the statues. He merely provided the name of name of the sign maker and a contact. Committee decided that the Secretary should contact him / Helen M again explaining what had been done before.
4. **New Members:** Applications for membership for [REDACTED] (1 year), [REDACTED] (life member) and [REDACTED] (3 years) were received, considered and approved with receipt of payment. Moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Annette Marskell. Accepted.
5. **Information Talks:** The Sacristan advised that he would be unable to do the May talk which would be rescheduled for August - October. The Dean will give two talks - one on the stained glass windows and the other on the crypt. Windows session to be held on Thursday 5 December 2019 at 6.30pm and the Crypt talk on Sunday 23 June 2019 at 3.00pm. Thomas Wilson will give his talk on Thursday 5 September 2019 at 6.30pm. Carolyn will liaise with Margaret Hill from the bellringers to arrange a belltower visit with Murray Luke Peard subject to the Dean's agreement.
6. **Future Guest Speakers:** Incoming Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Margaret Beazely, Incoming Governor-General Their Excellencies David Hurley and Mrs Hurley, Josie Sharbel (St Canice's Kitchen), Alex Greenwich MP (Filthy Rich and Homeless), Professor David Flint, Fr Richard Leonard. There was concern raised that for VIP Guests of Honour we would need to ensure that we had a large gathering out of respect for

the guests and to make the function financially viable and profitable given that we had just scraped through with our last luncheon/

7. **Future Functions / Initiatives**: Discussions firmed 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. Further discussions to be held for recruitment activities after Sunday Mass. It was also raised whether luncheons were an appropriate fund raising venture given the demographics of our current membership getting older and the younger generation which we are aiming for don't do or cannot do weekday lunches. Weekend functions would entail extra expenditure. Evening functions / cocktail parties were suggested.

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Notre Dame Paris: It was raised that any donation to a body outside the Cathedral might not be constitutional. Given there was no urgency it was deferred to the next meeting or AGM. In the meantime, the Secretary would explore contact with the Friends of Notre Dame.
2. It was suggested and agreed that Annette would send flowers to [REDACTED] in her current illness.
3. Website: deferred till next meeting.
4. Archiving: Annette and Sev to discuss date.
5. Prayers for [REDACTED].

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.