

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY 7
AUGUST 2019 @ 15.15 CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

PRESENT: Marguerite Ghafari, Annette Marskell, Carolyn Lewis,
Rev Don Richardson & Sev Milazzo.

APOLOGIES: Betty Hanrahan and Richard Flynn.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 15.15.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 19 June 2019, moved by Carolyn Lewis and seconded by Annette Marskell, were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Altar Frontals:

*No developments as the Sacristan is on leave till September.

Crypt Talk by the Dean:

This talk went very well and the Dean gave a very illuminating insight into the design and scriptural background of the mosaics.

Bell Tower Visit:

Carolyn advised that this event is likely to be held in November.

Sacristan Talk:

Chris is on annual leave and is due to return in September.

Information Talks:

Music talk by Thomas Wilson on Thursday 5 September 2019;
Windows talk by the Dean on Thursday 5 December 2019

Lady Chapel Saints Plaque:

The Dean advised that he will liaise with the incoming Facilities Manager and that he will oversee the design and logistics of the plaque.

Guest Speaker Suggestions:

Given Alex Greenwich's active involvement with the abortion bill, it was agreed that he not be considered as a future guest speaker.

Pauline Garland is no longer at the Chancery. The Secretary will liaise with her successor.

NEW BUSINESS:

*New Members: Nil;

* [REDACTED] in St V's Private Hospital;

*Friends' Annual Mass at 10.30am and AGM following will be held on Sunday 22 September 2019;

*To reduce costs of the event (last AGM @ \$40 pp due essentially to staffing costs) we will cater the refreshments ourselves with sandwiches and orange juice by Costco and champagne by Richard Flynn. The Dean will see whether in house china may be available. Friends to assist with cleaning up afterwards.

*Trivia Night: a forthcoming event but not this year. It was suggested that one flyer be issued with details of forthcoming events.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As tabled, moved by Annette Marskell and seconded by Rev Don Richardson, and accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Notre Dame Paris: Our Cathedral has up to date and back to base fire prevention systems.
2. Website: deferred till next meeting.
3. Archiving: Annette and Sev still to discuss date.

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.