

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2019 @ 15.15
CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

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

APOLOGIES: Carolyn Lewis. The President advised that Anthony Restuccia had provided him with an apology for the last meeting on 7 August 2019.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 16 October 2019 at 15.15.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 7 August 2019, moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Annette Marskell, were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING:

The Treasurer advised that flowers had been sent to Helen Hofman;

Altar Frontals:

In the absence of the Dean, no report received.

Bell Tower Visit:

Carolyn advised that this event will be held on 10 October 2019 at 6.30pm.

Sacristan Talk:

The Secretary to follow this up with the Sacristan for 2020.

Information Talks:

Music talk by Thomas Wilson on Thursday 5 September 2019 went well;

Windows talk by the Dean on Thursday 5 December 2019;

Lady Chapel Saints Plaque:

In the absence of the Dean, no report received.

Guest Speaker Suggestions:

Richard proposed that John O'Brien, an ecclesiastical architect, be added to the names of guest speakers. Approved.

Annual Mass and AGM:

These will be held on Sunday 22 September. Secretary to arrange for front pews reservation; Friends will do offertory procession; Pauline Roesch and Richard Stevens will do the readings; sandwiches and cake from Costco; Richard to provide champagne, water and orange juice; assistance from committee in setting up and clearing away; no tea / coffee; Cathedral House crockery and glassware to be made available by the Dean.

NEW BUSINESS:

*New Members: Application for Joint 1 year membership for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] received, considered and approved with receipt of payment;

*Current membership - 127 including 36 life members;

*Trivia Night: a forthcoming event(s) for 2020 but not this year.

*OLHOC function and speaker. The president will liaise with the Dean for use of Cathedral House on Monday 25 May 2020 - an evening function - to attract the younger set;

*Anthony Restuccia tendered his wife's gratitude and appreciation for flowers received.

*Richard provided a summary of website improvements he was looking at given our current Wild Apricot provider's 40% increase in fees without a corresponding increase in benefits - program is clunky, outmoded, difficult for joint memberships; suggested Membership Works @ \$79 per month which is an integrated workspace, much more user friendly especially for joint memberships, capacity for blogs.

Moved by Richard Flynn, seconded by Sev Milazzo and unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Richard Flynn sought clarification on the balance brought forward and was advised that it was an ongoing figure from year to year. It was agreed that it should be on an annual basis.

As tabled, moved by Annette Marskell and seconded by Richard Flynn, and accepted.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Archiving: Annette and Sev still to discuss date.
2. Betty Hanrahan indicated that she would not be standing for re-election at the AGM.

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.