

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2019 @ 3.15PM  
CATHEDRAL HOUSE:

**PRESENT:** Marguerite Ghafari, Richard Flynn, Carolyn Lewis and Sev Milazzo.

**APOLOGIES:** Annette Marskell and Anthony Restuccia.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 5 February 2020 at 3.15pm.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of meeting of 16 October 2019, moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Carolyn Lewis, were accepted.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**Altar Frontals & Lady Chapel Statues Plaque:**

In the absence of the Dean, no reports received.

**Sacristan and Archivist Talks:**

The Secretary to follow this up with the Sacristan and Archivist for available dates in 2020.

**Website:**

The President has this in hand.

The Secretary wondered whether there was provision for posting of ordinary and AGM minutes on the website for members to show them what we do. Possibility exists and would be looked at but probably would not be made available to the general public.

**2020 Events including Information talks:**

The following program has been proposed for 2020:

**7 March** - 1st trivia night - Cathedral College Hall ;

**3 May** - Crypt talk by the Dean;

**OLHOC - 23 May Saturday** - Evening Mass followed by Formal Dinner in Cathedral House with Guest Speaker John O'Brien - President to confer with the Dean re availability of Cathedral House;

**OLHOC - 24 May Sunday** - M/T or similar after 10.30am Mass - no BBQ;

**4 June** - Thomas Wilson in the Cathedral - talk on the chamber organ donated by Friends;

**? July** - Sacristan talk on Cathedral treasures etc;

**25 July** - 2nd trivia night - Cathedral College Hall;

**20 August** - provisional - Bells talk in Hall foyer - Margaret Hill;

**? September** - Archivist;

**13 September** - Annual Mass and AGM;

**17 September** - John O'Brien talk in Chapter Hall;

**October** - to be confirmed - Bell Tower - Margaret Hill;

**26 November** - the Dean on Cathedral altars, statues, sculptures;

### **2020 - AGM & Mass:**

The President will confer with the Dean regarding a September availability for Mass, AGM and Chapter House ( 13 September)

### **TRIVIA NIGHTS:**

\*Tables of 8;

\*vege sticks, cheese, crackers, sandwiches, byo options to be explored;

\*\$25 / \$30 pp.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

\***New Members:** Application for membership for [REDACTED] was received, considered and approved with receipt of payment for a 1 year single membership.

\*Interest was expressed in private and unofficial contributions to the Notre Dame De Paris and it was agreed that \$2000 approx be set as a donation in kind for the Cathedral. Ideas covered chalice, indigenous, connection with early French Marist Fathers, La Perouse, our common bond of a fire ravaged Cathedral etc.

\*Membership Drive deferred to next meeting.

\*Friends Brochures: A quote of \$1184 has been received for 7000 brochures;

\*Possibility of larger size posters placed on cathedral notice boards.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Brief summary provided by the Treasurer in her absence advising that cash at bank was \$18,960.85 less unrepresented cheque for \$1472.60 for public liability insurance donation of \$520.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Archiving: Annette and Sev - January / February 2020.
2. Donation of \$250 from Marguerite Ghafari.

**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.