

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020 @ 3.30PM  
VIA ZOOM / PHONE

**PRESENT:** Richard Flynn, Carolyn Lewis, Anthony Restuccia and Sev Milazzo

**APOLOGIES:** Marguerite Ghafari, Annette Marskell & Fr Don Richrdson

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 26 November 2020 at 3.30pm via Zoom.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of meeting of 20 August 2020, moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Anthony Restuccia were accepted.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

1. The John O'Brien talk on ecclesial architecture was zoomed on Thursday 17 September 2020 at 6.30pm with good feedback. About 30 people zoomed in.
2. The Margaret Hill and Murray-Luke Peard talk, zoomed on 13 October 2020 at 6.30pm with about 23-28 participants, attracted positive feedback.
3. David and Halina Brett gave another \$100 donation.
4. The President will liaise with Thomas Wilson for a Zoom presentation for 12 November 2020.
5. AGM: 17 were present via zoom with 9 apologies tendered. As a quorum of 5 was present the AGM was able to proceed. Reports were received from the Dean, the President and the Treasurer. Although Miss Marskell had previously submitted a resignation from the Committee as Treasurer and Committee Member, she sought reelection for both positions on the day. The previous committee was re-elected.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Treasurer's report:**

In the Treasurer's absence, no report was tendered.

### **New member:**

Application for Single Concession Membership for Kathryn Druzina has been received, considered and approved with receipt of payment. Moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Anthony Restuccia.

### **Recruitment Drive:**

This has been postponed till further notice as there are Government restrictions in place for congregation numbers.

### **2021 Information Nights:**

The President asked for suggestions for speakers for 2021. Secretary advised that he would re-establish liaison with Lienntje Cornelissen for a Feb / Mch / Apr presentation. Carolyn Lewis suggested that the zoom medium might be more suited to such a talk as documents and archival material might be more accessible.

### **Office Bearers' responsibilities:**

1. Secretary to be given access to membership data and to update electronic / online register as necessary to fulfil better the duties and responsibilities of the role.
2. Similarly the Treasurer is to provide reports for committee meetings and AGMs in new format to comply better with regulations and compliance.
3. Anthony Restuccia queried the need or rationale for additional documentation and suggested that it should not be discussed without a thorough analysis. Other opinions were that it merely amplified for the relevant office bearer what the duties were and were an aide memoire.

4. Anthony to email committee members with his thoughts and concerns well prior to, and for consideration at, the next meeting.
5. All committee members and office bearers are to take their duties seriously.

**Michael Douglas 5 minute video clips:**

Though the committee was supportive of this request, several difficulties were raised: photographic and technical difficulties in shooting highlights; possible cost for professional services \$8000; need for quality visual and audio production; undermining of creative and intellectual rights.

it was suggested that Michael actually speak to the proposal at the next meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

In the absence of the Dean, the St John Henry Cardinal Newman pre-dieu bequest update was deferred.

**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.