

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2021 @ 3.30PM
VIA ZOOM / PHONE

PRESENT: The Dean, Carolyn Lewis, Annette Marskell, Michael Douglas, Richard Flynn, Anthony Restuccia and Sev Milazzo

APOLOGIES: Marguerite Ghafari

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 2 March 2021 @ 3.30pm - venue / zoom to be advised

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 26 November 2020, moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Michael Douglas, were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. The Secretary and the Archivist had a productive session and given the resources available to her and the 75th anniversary on 18 February of the bestowal of the Red Hat on the first Australian born Cardinal it was thought appropriate that the topic should be on Cardinal Gilroy. The timing for the latter part of April 2021 would suit Lienntje better. Zoom presentation would be appropriate. It was agreed that the session be held on Thursday 29 April 2021 @ 6.30pm. The archivist and secretary would continue to liaison as necessary.
2. Suggestions for future talks - possibly to fill the gap between now and the Gilroy presentation - Mons Tony Doherty on Spires; Dr the Revd Challis on Cathedral Follies (ACHS Speakers); Mons Doherty on the Baptistry; and Fr Richard Leonard SJ on films. The Dean would endeavour to contact Monsignor Doherty though he opined that the latter's health might be an issue.
3. The Dean also thought that Cathedral House re the OLHOC Dinner could be available contingent on the easing of

- Governmental restrictions. He was also hopeful that by Easter 2021, the House might be available for Committee meetings.
4. Trivia Nights - also contingent upon restrictions being lifted.
 5. Michael Douglas reiterated his proposal of short videos on cathedral aspects suggesting that options should be explored and if necessary appeals be made for these projects to cover any professional costs and expenses incurred. He also suggested tours of the cathedral. The Dean explained that these were on hold during the pandemic. He also thought that the video concept had merit and potential but needed to be explored more thoroughly. A subcommittee of Michael and Carolyn was established to pursue these matters and to explore AGM funding via donations for this project. They should report back by the meeting subsequent to 2 March 2021.
 6. Office Bearers' Responsibilities: The reference guide was moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Sev Milazzo. Carried and noting Anthony Restuccia's concern regarding the review and re-adoption 3 years hence.

NEW BUSINESS:

Donations:

A donation of \$100 for Christmas was received by Mr and Mrs Tansey.

Treasurer's report and duties:

1. The Committee noted with increasing concern that the Treasurer's Reports for 15 October 2020, 26 November 2020 remain outstanding despite promises that these two would be mailed. The Treasurer again advised that they would be posted this week.
2. No current report was presented for today's meeting.
3. The Dean, the President and the Secretary expressed concerns that:
 - (a) the Treasurer's reports had either not been produced or posted and received;

(b) Stripe account had not been accessed or logged on - nor account and password set up;

(c) the Commonwealth Bank online facility had not been accessed;

(d) documentation for the Commonwealth Bank on-line facility had not been sought;

(e) reports to be presented in an acceptable and approved format.

(f) the President would resend his email of September 14 2020 outlining her responsibilities and actions required.

(g) the treasurer is to photograph her treasurer's reports for 15 October 2020, 26 November 2020 and 28 January 2021 and email them to the secretary as soon as possible.

New members:

NIL

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.

Signature of President: