

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY 23 APRIL 2021 @ 5.00PM  
AT CATHEDRAL HOUSE

**OPENING PRAYER:** Fr Don Richardson

**PRESENT:** Fr Don Richardson, Marguerite Ghafari, Carolyn Lewis, Catherine Priestley, Richard Flynn, Anthony Restuccia and Sev Milazzo - QUORUM:

**APOLOGIES:** NIL

**NEXT MEETING:** Friday 4 June 2021 at 5pm at Cathedral House

**MINUTES:** Minutes of meeting of 18 March 2021, moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Carolyn Lewis were accepted with Anthony Restuccia opposing the motion. He proposed that the President, the Secretary and himself meet to discuss the impasse. He was again asked to submit an email detailing his concerns and objections in good time prior to this meeting which the President is to organise.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

1. The Dean provided a copy for the Friends' record of the Instrument of Termination from the Committee for Annette Marskell OAM and consequently as Treasurer.
2. Video Clips - discussion centered on where clips should be viewed - Friends' website, Youtube etc; potential audience; duration and cost and schedule of rates; topics whether general or specific and topical - crypt floor, bicentenary, rosary aspects, baptistery; history; personages; parties to be involved - Helen Morassut.
3. Catherine Priestley was nominated to replace Michael Douglas on the Video Subcommittee, duly seconded and accepted the nomination.

4. No formal report presented - cash at bank at 23 April 2021 - \$31114.04
5. Cardinal Gilroy Zoom Presentation - Richard to liaise with Carolyn and Polding House. 21 Registrations and 5 for the live Thomas Wilson on 19 August 2021.
6. OLHOC Dinner - cover at \$110 for members and \$125 for non members. The Dean indicated His Grace the Archbishop's availability. The Secretary is to issue an invitation to the Archbishop. Canapes and drinks on arrival to be included. The Secretary is to contact Mehul re numbers of guests permitted. As only 21 registrations have been received, the event is to be promoted in the Cathedral bulletin.
7. President, Secretary and Treasurer have signed Bank authorities with any two of three signatories to be valid authorisation.
8. The Dean's Stained Glass Windows Book will be launched on 4 November 2021. The Dean is also to present a Cathedral Carvings talk at 6.30pm in July 2021.
9. CCI Public Liability is yet to be finalised.
10. Subsequent to the meeting with the Dean and Archdiocesan General Counsel, it was recommended (a) that the Friends seek endorsement for charity tax concession - granted 9 April 2021; (b) that the Friends be affiliated with and approved by the Archbishop of Sydney and the Archdiocese of Sydney - approved by His Grace the Archbishop 26 March 2021; (c) submit ACNC application - done; and apply for GST Group membership. To this last end, the President moved the motion: "That the Friends of St Mary's Cathedral Incorporated be registered for GST which would allow us to reclaim GST paid for goods and services purchased while also requiring us to charge GST on membership dues and event tickets." As there was no seconder, the motion lapsed.

### **2021 Events:**

1. Thomas Wilson has proposed a talk for 19 August 2021.
2. The Dean will do a presentation in July 2021 on Cathedral carvings.

3. The President reported that he is in discussions with Pamela Melocco for a presentation late 2021 or early 2022.

**Donations:**

Marguerite donated \$300 of which \$200 is to defray Dinner expenses.

**New Members:**

**NIL**

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Led by the Dean:

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, Richard Flynn:**