

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY 16 JULY 2021 @ 5.00PM
VIA ZOOM

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Richard Flynn

PRESENT: Carolyn Lewis, Catherine Priestley, Fr Don Richardson, Richard Flynn and Sev Milazzo - QUORUM

APOLOGIES: Marguerite Ghafari

NEXT MEETING: Friday 24 August 2021 at 5pm at Cathedral House
- subject to any Covid restrictions.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 4 June 2021, moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Carolyn Lewis, were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. The CCI Public Risk Liability has been renewed for \$1502.04 to 18 October 2021 and the Treasurer will examine further options prior to renewal;
2. Video Clips - this project may be bigger than first thought. Given Carolyn's study commitments it was agreed that this could be deferred. Carolyn suggested that the project could be facilitated by the use of Notre Dame students wanting to tie in their theses / studies with this project. Carolyn to explore with Karen McC.
3. The AGM will be scheduled for October / November in the Chapter House - subject to any Covid restrictions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annette Marskell OAM RIP

Annette Marskell's dedicated and long serving work not only to the Friends but also to her OLSH Parish Randwick where she attended daily Mass , the Mercy Congregation and the Matt Talbot Hostel was acknowledged. Her generous support and commitment was legendary.

Annette went to her eternal reward on 21 June 2021 and her concelebrated Requiem was held at OLSH Church Randwick on 7 July 2021. Gracious and generous tributes were paid in the homily and panegyrics in recognition of her support for good causes. Amongst the mourners were Helen Hoffman, Marguerite Ghafari, Richard Flynn and Sev Milazzo.

Friends' Requiem

The Secretary proposed that an annual November Mass be held to commemorate the departed Friends. This was supported and agreed to with further details to be examined - whether weekday or Saturday etc.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Cash at bank @ 16 July 2021 was \$33074.74 with a report to be emailed by the Treasurer.
2. Treasurer to examine online payment process / Combiz given difficulty in paying the Cathedral House invoice for OLHOC Dinner. The bank conceded there may be a bug in the remote process where there are two or more signatories to the account.
3. Option of cheque book payment was noted.

2021 Events:

1. The Dean's talk on the cathedral carvings scheduled for Thursday 22 July 2021 has been postponed because of the Covid restrictions. The President confirmed that ticket sales would be refunded

2. Thomas Wilson's talk on the cathedral organs is set for 19 August 2021 - subject to any Covid restrictions.
3. The Friends' hosting the launch of the Dean's de luxe coffee table book on the cathedral stained glass windows has been confirmed for a Thursday evening date in October / November to be determined - champagne and canapes.
4. Informal lunch / afternoon tea proposed for September to coincide with Our Lady's Birthday with possible consideration for Saturday / Sunday option. Request for quote has been forwarded to Mehul and will be resubmitted as he has been on leave.
5. The Secretary will follow up with Mons Doherty re Spires talk.

Correspondence IN:

1. Cathedral House OLHOC Dinner Invoice for \$3201.68

Correspondence OUT:

1. Duly completed and returned Organisation Tax Residency Self Certification to the Commonwealth Bank.

Donations:

None received

New Members:

1. Vicki Dunstan, single, one year, \$40;
2. Sylvie Sautriot, single, three years, \$90;
3. Caroline Dobraszczuk, single, one year, \$40;
4. Brendan Muller, single, one year, \$40.
5. Applications for the above 4 for membership have been received, considered and approved with receipt of payments.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Carolyn reported that the covid lockdown had prevented the College REC from speaking with possible suppliers for the Albs.

CLOSING PRAYER: Led by Catherine Priestley:

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.

God of compassion, look upon us with mercy and healing just as you heard the pleas of Moses at Mt Nebo and gave a bronze serpent to be looked upon and to be healed. Help us the living, the distressed, those suffering economic hardship and those in any need and give eternal to those who have succumbed to this pandemic. Amen.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm.

Signature of President, Richard Flynn: