

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2021 @ 5.00PM
VIA ZOOM & PHONE

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Fr the Very Rev Don Richardson

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

APOLOGIES: Marguerite Ghafari

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2021 @5PM.

MINUTES: Minutes of meeting of 16 July 2021, moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Catherine Priestley, were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. The Treasurer is diligently examining further options prior to renewal due 18 October 2021 while conscious of the Archdiocese's preferential option for CCI unless there were significant commercial benefits in choosing another provider;
2. The President will refund the Wilson subscriptions and confirmed that refunds had been made for the Dean's postponed talk;
3. The Dean's talk has been projected for 4 November 2021;
4. It is hoped that Thomas Wilson's organ tour might be presented by zoom and that this might be boon in being able to see the organs more clearly;
5. The Secretary has been in touch with Vaughan Village to liaise with Monsignor Doherty but has yet to hear from him though he is well;
6. Carolyn Lewis reports that Karen McCluskey is keen to assist in this project and is sounding out Year 3 and 4 students engaged in cathedral research to prepare material for video / videos

subject to Faculty endorsement. Noted that the technical aspect might be beyond their capability and be outsourced to a commercial entity;

7. The AGM will be scheduled for 3 November 2021 at 6.30pm via zoom;
8. Owing to the continuing pandemic, the September luncheon / afternoon tea discussion has been deferred.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. The Treasurer presented reports for 4 June 2021 and 16 July 2021. Noted were the refunds for the postponed Dean's talk and the outstanding refunds for the Wilson talk.
2. The Treasurer has secured documentation for the Combiz authorisation for the 3 signatories.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Events:

1. 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. The Dean reported that 70 copies have been pre-ordered.

Correspondence IN: NIL

Correspondence OUT: NIL

Donations: NIL

New Members: NIL

GENERAL BUSINESS:

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

The Dean advised that he was researching a Polish company for the altar frontals.

CLOSING PRAYER: Led by Sev Milazzo:

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 6.15pm.

Signature of President, Richard Flynn: