

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2022 @ 5.30PM
VIA ZOOM & PHONE

OPENING PRAYER: Led by Fr Don Richardson

PRESENT: Angela Chan, Carolyn Lewis, Fr Don Richardson, Sev Milazzo, Richard Flynn and William Dawes - QUORUM

APOLOGIES: Anthony Restuccia, Marguerite Ghafari and Catherine Priestley.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 15 March 2022 @ 5.30pm via zoom.

MINUTES: Minutes of meetings of 5 October 2021 and 3 November 2021, having been moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by Carolyn Lewis, were accepted.

BUSINESS ARISING:

1. Angela Chan and William Dawes were warmly welcomed as Committee Members following their election at the AGM. The AGM was virtually attended by 17 and 7 apologies were received.
2. The Cathedral Bicentenary Mass is scheduled for Sunday 3 July 2022 or its Solemn Vespers depending on the availability of the Australian Hierarchy who would be in Sydney for the Plenary Council. Other events are pending. It is expected that the Friends would play a prominent role in the Cathedral Bicentenary.
3. An archeologist's report has revealed original footings of the St Joseph's Chapel in the Cathedral precinct.
4. The Dean indicated that the trowel which Governor Macquarie used to lay the original foundation stone of the original St Mary's

Chapel on 29 October 1821 would be on loan from the State Library of NSW for an exhibition.

5. The Dean's talk on the carvings projected for 4 November 2021 has been tentatively rescheduled for Thursday 16 June 2022.
6. The OLHOC Dinner subject to Cathedral House availability is scheduled in May 2022. The President will email the Dean to ascertain availability.
7. The Secretary will obtain various quotes for an afternoon tea on 10 / 11 September depending on labour costs.
8. The Secretary will enquire as to Mons Doherty's health re his possible talk on the Cathedral Spires.
9. Proposed Trivia Night in Cathedral College Hall - Saturday 3 September.
10. Secretary to email archivist for a Thursday night in the second half of the year
11. Angela Chan will explore dates with Chris Backhouse / Ben for a talk in June / July.
12. Membership Drive - covid is a distracting and negative effect on membership drives. The President will liaise with the Dean for a suitable date. It was suggested that Embrace might be a fertile source. The new Chaplain would be approached.
13. The President and Secretary would liaise on the membership survey and communication - facebook, monkey etc - of same to the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In the absence of the Treasurer, a report was not provided.

NEW BUSINESS: - none

Correspondence IN: NIL

Correspondence OUT: NIL

Donations:

Gladys and Wilfred Peters \$15.

New Members:

1. Daniel Mahon - one year - single;
2. Brendon McConville - one year - single concession; and
3. Gladys and Wilfred Peters - joint - 2 year.

Applications for membership for the above 4 were received, considered and approved with receipt of monies.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

CLOSING PRAYER: Led by Richard Flynn:

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 6.41pm.

Signature of President, Richard Flynn: