

THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL BASILICA  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2022 @ 5.30PM  
VIA ZOOM & PHONE

**OPENING PRAYER:** Led by Richard Flynn

**PRESENT:** William Dawes, Carolyn Flynn, Sev Milazzo, Richard Flynn & Catherine Priestley - QUORUM

**APOLOGIES:** Fr Don Richardson, Angela Chan, Marguerite Ghafari & Anthony Restuccia.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 5 April 2022 @ 5.30pm @ Cathedral Pastoral Centre.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of meeting of 1 February 2022, having been moved by Richard Flynn and seconded by William Dawes, were accepted.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

1. 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.
2. The Dean's talk on the carvings projected for 4 November 2021 has been tentatively rescheduled for Thursday 16 June 2022.
3. The President confirmed that the OLHOC Dinner is scheduled for Thursday 26 May 2022 within Cathedral House and the Secretary will obtain quotes for a pre dinner canapes, drinks, and 3 course dinner and confirm any cancellation charges; he is awaiting the springtime event quote; Will to sound out the Private Secretary for the Archbishop's availability to attend the OLHOC dinner or in His Grace's unavailability, Bishop Unger's name was proposed.

4. The Secretary has still not heard back from Mons Doherty re his possible talk on the Cathedral Spires.
5. Proposed Trivia Night in Cathedral College Hall - Saturday 3 September.
6. Membership Drive - the President reported that Cathedral Mass numbers were down but were slowly increasing and that he was hoping to produce a flyer to advertise the OLHOC Dinner. He is to liaise with the Dean for a recruitment campaign Sunday.
7. The Secretary to undertake archival of the Friends' closet.

### **INTERIM RESULTS OF FRIENDS SURVEY:**

The President provided a graphic analysis of the interim replies:

37 responses to date - survey to close on Friday 1 April 2022;

32 - over 50 years of age;

Most preferred events at Cathedral / CBD;

Most preferred speakers on 1. Cathedral; 2. Cathedral community;

Significantly most were prepared to pay \$60 for afternoon tea; fewer for \$90 lunch and \$130 dinner;

31 somewhat and very likely to attend weekday evening functions;

26 somewhat and very likely to attend weekend evening / daytime;

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer provided a cash at bank figure of \$28601.61 and will shortly forward a report. The Treasure will also follow up on Combiz documentation status.

### **NEW BUSINESS: none**

### **Correspondence IN: NIL**

### **Correspondence OUT: NIL**

### **Donations:**

Bruce Strath gave a \$10 donation with his renewal.

### **New Members:**

Nil.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Carolyn Flynn advised that the Cathedral College REC was awaiting Fr Lewi's advices on the proper attire for the acolytes / servers.

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

Was led by Will Dawes.

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 6.22 pm.

**Signature of President, Richard Flynn:**