

ST PIUS X CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P & F ASSOCIATION

P & F General Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday 23rd August, 2011

Meeting Opened with a prayer at 7.35pm.

PRESENT Mac Calisto, Nik Hofmeester, Paul Chapman (Chair), Lynne Newton, Claire Ryan (Minutes), Kirsty Burnett, Shelley Hill, Debbie Burke, Debbi Spencer, Lisa Peacock, Judy Fallens, Trish Sherry, Monique Ferrari, Michelle McPherson, Heather Patman, Julia Haines, Melinda Dempsey, Karen Gonsalves.

APOLOGIES Christina Lamb, Sylvia Tamigi, Anna Davis, Jane Scanlon, Sonia Nolan, Lisa Kennedy, Christine Bacon, Karen Herbert, Louise Ryan, Vicki Arkininstall, Ubaldo Salvucci, Cherie Salvucci, Jasmine Marinovich, Claudia Kenny

Confirmation of Previous Minutes (28 June, 2011)

Claire Ryan advised the Entertainment Book profit should have read \$1170.

Accepted: Debbie Burke

Seconded: Kirsty Burnett

Business Arising

- Nil

Correspondence In

- APC Review Magazine
- Various fundraisers including Fathers Day.
- Head 2 Head Mental Health Magazine
- Thank you card from Esther Women's Refuge
- Lotterywest letter with 50 scratchies attached (used for Quiz Night)
- Harlequin School Bags pamphlet with sample eco library bag (to pass to Christina and Sylvia)
- Trish Sherry received a letter from the City of Canning to confirm the health clearance had been granted so the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will go ahead on September 10th.

Correspondence Out

- Claire Ryan sent various letters seeking donations for the Quiz Night.

REPORTS

Principal's Report

Mac Callisto presented her Principal's Report (attached).

Mac Callisto took the opportunity to thank the school community for the support she is getting, during this busy time, in the absence of Rob Romeo.

Heather Patman queried the Ipads that she had noticed the teachers using. Nik Hofmeester confirmed this was a school staff trial funded by the school. The staff are finding them to be useful and may consider possible class use for the future.

Kirsty Burnett enquired about the columns that needed reinforcing. Nik Hofmeester advised that due to the tiled roof being replaced by tin, it was now more at risk of lifting from heavy winds and it needs to be anchored with more strength to the ground. Mac Callisto said there is contingency for this in the budget and the school will find funds for this.

School Board

- Nothing to report.

Special Guest Speaker

Paul Chapman introduced Lynne Newton from the Parish who came to speak about East Timor. Shelley Hill had invited her along in response to a request from Father Thomas who is hoping to raise more funds for pews for a new church in East Timor.

Lynne Newton advised that she had visited East Timor previously and more recently with her husband and found it to be an extremely poverty stricken place. There is an extreme lack of infrastructure there. Father Guilhermino da Silva is currently building a new church in our sister parish Becora/Dili, which will create a much needed community centre. Lynne has personally seen that funds donated through the Mary MacKillop East Timor Mission directly help these people. Lynne stressed that this is the poorest country in Asia, and one of the poorest in the world and that it is a great cause. She said a little really does go a long way. Lynne advised that there were several ways the school could help, including sponsoring children's education expenses or helping with pews through a once off payment. More information is available at the website www.mmiets.org.au.

Paul Chapman thanked Lynne Newton for taking the time to speak to us and Lynne Newton thanked him for the opportunity and excused herself from the meeting. Paul advised that we would discuss this request in General Business.

Treasurer's Report

Kirsty Burnett presented the Treasurer's Report (attached).

Kirsty reported that approximately \$3000 had been transferred to the school as per commitments made at the beginning of the year.

Kirsty advised that the Quiz Night made a profit of approximately \$10,000. All agreed it had been a great night and the decision to not have a bar there was a good one. A round of applause was given to Trish Sherry and

Michelle McPherson for their fantastic organisation of this successful event.

Available Cash	\$41 000 (approximately)
Air Conditioning Fund	\$nil

Accepted: Karen Gonsalves

Seconded: Melinda Dempsey

Tuckshop

Julia Haines reported that Jane Scanlon urgently needs someone to take over her position as soon as possible. Shelley Hill advised that Jane Scanlon is willing to teach someone her position, which involves the ordering of stock for the canteen. Shelley Hill advised that she will continue her role of unpacking stock on Wednesdays. Shelley will organise a specific note sent to all families in the hope that a volunteer will come forward.

Julia Haines advised that the roster is completed for next term and that she also needs someone to volunteer for her position for next year. Julia will happily create the roster for Term 1 2012 in order to assist the new person taking the position.

Uniform Shop

Claire Ryan reported in Christina Lamb and Sylvia Tamigi's absence that all is running smoothly in the uniform shop. Faction t-shirts are being organised for the kindy children and there is also plenty of larger sizes in stock if anyone needs them before the sports carnival on 5th September.

Christina asked that it please be noted that the uniform shop is open every Friday from 8.30am to 9.15am. Margaret should only be used for emergency purchases. Christina and Silvia are happy to make an appointment with anyone who cannot make Friday mornings.

Costume Coordinators

Debbie Spencer advised that due to building works there is absolutely no access to the costumes for at least three or four more weeks. There was nothing further to report.

Class Representative and Events– Michelle McPherson and Trish Sherry

Michelle McPherson and Trish Sherry thanked everyone who helped with the organisation, donating, set up and cleaning up for the Quiz Night.

Michelle McPherson advised that the sausage sizzle slips are due back before next Wednesday for the Sports Carnival. Volunteers will be needed to help on the day.

Mac Callisto advised that rather than the Learning Journey/Grandparents Morning Tea that was done last year, the school would have an open morning for grandparents and parents. This would start with mass followed by morning tea for parents and grandparents (children would have their usual recess outside) and all classes would be open for children to show their work. This would be less formal than last year and avoid the problem of parents having to miss out on specific class performances if they have more than one child at school. Thursday October 27th is the likely date.

Karen Gonsalves queried whether it was possible for school classes to organise small Fathers Day cards or similar, as this year the P & F were unable to fit a Father's Day Morning Tea into the schedule. Mac Callisto confirmed that she will suggest this at the next staff meeting.

Heather Patman raised the possibility of conducting another Fathers Day collection for the Men's Shelter on Mt Henry Road. It was agreed this was a good idea. Heather Patman will organise.

Fundraising and Social Events

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| • Mens 'Book Club' | 2 nd Friday of every month |
| • Bunnings Sausage Sizzle | Sept 10 th |
| • Sports Carnival | Sept 5 th |
| • Interschool Carnival (hosted by St Pius) | Sept 20 th |
| • <i>Family Fun Sports Night</i> | <i>TBC</i> |
| • <i>End of Year Family Picnic Disco</i> | <i>TBC (Term 4)</i> |
| • <i>Grandparent Morning Tea/Open Classrooms</i> | <i>October 27th</i> |
| • <i>Name Label Fundraiser</i> | <i>TBC(Term 4)</i> |
| • <i>Additive Alert Talk</i> | <i>TBC</i> |
| • Wine Fundraiser | Ongoing |

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Paul Chapman proposed to transfer \$15,600 of current funds to an Air-Conditioning Reserve which would then be transferred to the school at the end of this year. This would completely clear our current debt to the school. It was agreed by a show of hands to accept this proposal.
- Claire Ryan queried the status of the memorial plaque for Emily. Mac Callisto will check with Rob Romeo when he is well enough and advise Dana McGrath of the situation. All agreed that the P & F could make some funds available if required.
- Karen Gonsalves mentioned the Pre Primary play area and questioned whether the second playground was necessary as it cut off the only area the children had to run around. Karen also asked whether there were any plans for more challenging play equipment. Nik Hofmeester advised that more climbing equipment had been considered however now that the building works were underway there is no way the school could look at this until after the building works are completed.
- Nik Hofmeester took the opportunity to thank the P & F for the subsidy for the camp. He reported that it had been a fantastic experience for the children and that the parents had reported that the children had found it to be of real value. Debbi Spencer and Debbi Burke agreed that for the price, the experience had been excellent value for money, and even though initially it had seemed expensive, the growth they had seen in their children had been more than worth it.
- Melinda Dempsey mentioned that she had seen teachers undertaking professional Development in Ipad Touch usage and how it could be used for educational use. Nik Hofmeester advised that they will be looking into this in the future.
- Heather Patman raised the topic of the new constitution. She advised that she had with her some comments from Sonia Nolan. Heather queried whether the constitution would be agreed at one meeting as she doesn't believe one draft would be enough for such an important document. Discussion ensued.

Shelley Hill advised that the process being undertaken was as rigorous as she had seen in any other school. Paul Chapman advised there is more than 3 months to provide comments. All comments will be voted on at the Extraordinary Annual General Meeting to be held immediately prior to the next P & F meeting of 27th September at 7pm.

- Paul Chapman asked what was thought of the Parish request, through Father Thomas for pews and Lynne Newton's suggestion of possibly sponsoring the education of East Timorese children. It was agreed it would be a good idea to sponsor the primary school children. The cost of this is only \$10-\$50 per child per annum. It was thought that maybe each class could sponsor a child at primary school level in Dili/Becora (our sister parish). This could be done through the Mary Mackillop East Timor Mission as suggested by Lynne Newton. A decision was not needed on this immediately as it was thought it could be put in place for the beginning of the next school year. The details of this sponsorship could be discussed and agreed at a future meeting. As for the pews for the new church in East Timor, which Father Thomas requested help with, it was agreed that this was a worthwhile cause. Paul Chapman proposed that half of all profits from the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle could be donated for the new pews as per Father Thomas' request. All present agreed with this proposal.
- Paul Chapman mentioned that Mathletics this year had not been subsidised by the P & F. Paul Chapman requested the school consider letting the P & F subsidise Mathletics for next year as it was thought this was of benefit to all children in the school. This would be discussed again at a future P & F meeting.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 9.15pm