

ST PIUS X CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL P & F ASSOCIATION

P & F General Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday 29th March, 2011

Meeting Opened with a prayer at 7.35pm.

PRESENT Rob Romeo, Nik Hofmeester, Paul Chapman (Chairman), Debbie Burke, Shelley Hill, Shaaron Elliot, Gina Edwards, Maria Biscotto, Julia Haines, Ubaldo Salvucci, Cherie Salvucci, Tabitha Lewis, Nicole Ho, Judy Fallens, Lisa Peacock, Christine Bacon, Heather Patman, Louise Ryan, Trish Sherry, Michelle McPherson, Karen Gonsalves, Claire Ryan (minutes), Kirsty Burnett.

APOLOGIES Debbi Spencer, Christina Lamb, Sylvia Tamigi, Janine Fancote, Anna Davis, Jane Scanlon, Sonia Nolan, Monique Ferrari.

Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Accepted: Ubaldo Salvucci

Seconded: Kirsty Burnett

Business Arising

- Nil

Correspondence In

- PFFWA Bill (passed to Kirsty Burnett for payment)
- Entertainment Book emails, letter and pamphlets (handed on to all parents).
- Living Fundraisers (organic plants, snacks etc)
- Kid Nation Drama Academy fundraising opportunity.
- Fair Dinkum Aussie Bush Show information.
- Paul Chapman received some information on new water fountains for the P & Fs consideration.

Correspondence Out

- Claire Ryan sent email to Entertainment Books to confirm we are participating this year.
- Trish Sherry sent letter to Bunnings to confirm we are interested in conducting a Sausage Sizzle fundraiser this year.

REPORTS

Principal's Report

Rob Romeo presented his Principal's Report (attached).

Rob Romeo also added that The City of South Perth had sent a request for volunteers to participate in a Family & Children Services Study. They are looking at the needs of families/carers with children aged 0-12. (Interested parents are encouraged to contact daniellec@southperth.wa.gov.au to register or for more information).

Accepted: Karen Gonsalves

Seconded: Heather Patman

School Board

- Paul Chapman reported that the Board had conducted a walkthrough of the school to see what was planned for the new building works. All maintenance was found to be up to date.

Treasurer's Report

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

2011 Receipts	\$12 000 (approximately)
2011 Payments	\$19 000 (approximately)
Kirsty reported that it is normal to be running at a loss this time of the year.	
Available Cash	\$12 000 (approximately)
Air Conditioning Fund	\$15 000

Kirsty also added that the Disco made a very good profit of approximately \$1 000.

Accepted: Debbie Bourke

Seconded: Cherie Salvucci

Tuckshop

Julia Haines reported that the tuckshop roster had been filled for next term, including the trial of a 5th person on a shorter shift.

Uniform Shop

Claire Ryan reported in Christina Lamb and Sylvia Tamigi's absence that all is running smoothly in the uniform shop and they will commence fittings for winter uniforms for year ones next week.

Heather Patman queried whether tracksuit pants would again be compulsory this winter. Rob Romeo will consider this and advise at a later date.

Ubaldo Salvucci queried whether school photos will be in summer uniform and Rob Romeo confirmed this. Children will be asked to wear black shoes for the sake of uniformity. Claire Ryan mentioned that some year ones don't yet own black shoes, Rob Romeo will advise parents through Ms Nitschke of what will be required.

Costume Coordinators

Debbie Bourke reported that all running smoothly and nothing further to report.

Class Representative and Events– Michelle McPherson and Trish Sherry

Michelle McPherson advised that the Easter raffle is underway and donations are needed by the 8th April to allow time for wrapping before the raffle draw on the 14th April.

Rather than go through the events individually, Paul Chapman invited any comments or questions on the upcoming events schedule as listed on the Agenda.

Claire Ryan advised that we can organise the Additive Alert Talk if it was thought to be of interest. The cost would be \$100. It was generally agreed that this would be worthwhile. Parents would be invited for a gold coin donation and parents from Manning School would be more than welcome to attend. Claire will get further information and details.

Heather Patman raised the possibility of conducting another Mothers Day collection for Women's Shelters. It was generally agreed this would be a good idea. Discussion ensued about arrangements and dates. Heather has volunteered to organise the logistics and will advise parents through the school newsletter.

Michelle McPherson advised that the Mothers Day stall for children will go ahead on the first day of Term 2; therefore she is asking that parents send in their \$5 per child, prior to the end of this term.

Rob Romeo added that we will again be hosting the Interschool Athletics Carnival this year. Shelley Hill suggested we might offer frankfurts instead of sausages as an easy alternative for catering. Rob Romeo advised that children will bring their own lunches and catering was only needed for spectators and to keep it simple.

Ubaldo Salvucci queried the proposed SciTech event, Karen Gonsalves replied that due to a new 'Family Fun Sports Night' being organised by Rob Romeo that it was now not possible to fit this event in.

Fundraising and Social Events

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| • Easter Raffle | Current |
| • Mens 'Book Club' | 2 nd Friday of every month |
| • Mothers Day Stall | TBC |
| • Entertainment Books Fundraiser | May/June |

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle TBA (Sep 10?)
- Quiz Night TBA (Term 3)
- Sports Carnival TBA
- Interschool Carnival (hosted by St Pius) TBA
- *Fathers' Day Breakfast* 31 Aug or 1 Sep TBA
- *Family Fun Sports Night* TBC
- *End of Year Family Picnic Disco* TBC (Term 4)
- *Grandparent Morning Tea/Learning Journey* TBA
- *Name Label Fundraiser* TBC(Term 4)
- *Additive Alert Talk* TBC
- Wine Fundraiser Ongoing

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Paul Chapman advised that as the P & F has the funds available to transfer \$15000 to the school to repay approximately half our commitment for air conditioning a vote would be taken to approve this transfer. Heather Patman queried whether the school now needed this as they have extra money in their capital works fund. Cherie Salvucci queried whether we were in fact going to use funds for the IT requirements. Rob Romeo clarified that we had committed to this money last year, and that the ICT Sub-Committee was currently looking into future IT requirements however this is only at investigation stage yet. Heather Patman queried that computer bank that was bought up last year, and why it was not considered feasible then, but is now being considered. Rob Romeo confirmed that with the budget available last year, it was not feasible, and at this stage the ICT sub-committee is only investigating this as a possibility and it is still not known what the sub-committee will recommend.

It was agreed unanimously by a show of hands to transfer \$15000 from the P&F Air Conditioning fund to the school.

Kirsty Burnett suggested the Fundraising Barometer displayed in the school needs to be updated.

- A brochure was handed around for all attendees to see regarding a possible new water fountain and bottle filler, which would avoid the school having to continually replace the spout on the current water fountain which costs \$300 every time. Discussion ensued and as the brochure model didn't include refrigeration, Rob Romeo will obtain further information and quotations from other suppliers.
- Rob Romeo passed Paul Chapman a Wish List of items which he reiterated was for 'in a perfect world' scenario. Some of the items had already been ordered and nothing on the list was urgent.

Nik Hofmeister explained that he had heard that there is the opportunity to purchase the superseded Ipad 1 for as low as \$250. He considered that it might be

a good opportunity for the school to purchase 16 (so 1 class could use them at a time with 2 students per ipad). They were considered a very good educational tool, especially for junior primary. The school is currently buying one as a trial for a student with special needs and it was hoped this would be helpful. Gina Edwards and Paul Chapman both expressed that this would be an excellent idea.

Karen Gonsalves queried whether the \$15000 transferred tonight could be used to purchase the Ipads and other Wish List items. Ubaldo Salvucci mentioned that the way the school uses the money is irrelevant as it is a matter of the school budgetary allocation as to where exactly that money is used. Shelley Hill added that the transfer by the P&F is treated in the school budget purely as a donation and how they use that money is actually completely up to them.

Rob Romeo reiterated that the school had budgeted for, and installed the air-conditioning knowing that the P & F had made a commitment to pay for it, he would prefer to leave the funds as per the original agreement the school made to install the air-conditioning knowing the P&F were committed to funding it.

Discussion ensued and it was agreed that Nik Hofmeester will do further research on Ipads and provide concrete information to the P&F to allow consideration and a possible vote at the next meeting or by special resolution, if required.

Heather Patman requested the Wish List be prioritised.

- Shelley Hill thanked Maria Biscotto and Anna Davis for attending the recent P&F Conference. Shelley advised parents that PFFWA was working on a submission for the Funding Review which will be lodged on Thursday. A newsletter email will be sent to all parents by the end of this week and it was very important for parents to read this information. Shelley advised that support would be appreciated to help keep funding levels, because changes will mean that Catholic School fees will rise significantly. Shelley Hill will send an email outlining how parents can help support the funding submission.
- Gina Edwards queried the amount of playground that will be available during the building works. Rob Romeo advised that fences would be constructed and the basketball court would still be available for the children to play on. Rob Romeo will consider taking the students to Manning School oval for sports.
- Paul Chapman reminded Dads (and teachers) that they are encouraged to attend the Mens Book Club at the Mount Henry Hotel on Friday 8th April, as it was a great chance to meet Dads from other year groups.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8.55pm