

Combined Mothers/Fathers Association Meeting

24 May 2017 - MINUTES

Meeting opened 7.30pm

Apologies – Christine Russell, Bernie McPhee, Hugh Kilgower

Attendees – Andrew O'Hare, Kayleen McLean, Damien Mannix, Edward Valenzula, David Livingstone, Monica Livingstone, Sally-Ann Cook, Sara Brito, Paula Decleva, Fr Fini, Cathrine Drake, Gavin, Jeff Tan, Matt Johnson.

Matters Arising:

1) New parents Welcome/Y7 and new families

Feedback from group

- Needs to be earlier in the year.
- was good to be able to move around the room and talk to parents – 40-50 people in attendance
- Not a lot of Y7 parents attending

Look to have the next event for parents with an “invite” for students to attend if they wish. May have a larger attendance from parents if they know they can leave their sons at home, or if they do bring them, the boys will have something to do while the parents chat with the leadership team, and other parents.

2) Discussion re: Fathers Association Events

- Father/Son Communion dinner 2 June
- Hold one event per term – hoping to have another “department night” in September, possibly a science night.
- Term 4 breakup 1 December – format TBC

Andrew raised the Fathers Association were having some challenges with attendance at some events/meetings this year. Questioning the format of the fathers Association going forward, and how it fits with the wider activities at the school.

Feedback/suggestions included:

- Look at holding activities just for the dads (similar to Mothers Association “just mums/carers” events)
- Look to move the AGM to early in the year, which will allow new parents to attend the Xmas breakup and then be invited to the AGM to attract new members. This worked for the Mothers Association this year.
- New events suggested – trivia night. Refresh the “less popular” events with something new just for the dads.

3) Discussion re: Mothers Association Events

- Mothers Day dinner – 179 people in attendance, have a tentative booking for the same location (Waverly Golf Club) for next year.
- Assistance from Mothers Association at the Father/Son dinner Friday 2 June
- August event – Movie Night – date/details TBC.
- Camilla (Library/ICT) keen to organise a breakfast for mothers/sons, possibly early in term 3.

Treasurer Report:

Sara noted we needed to update our banking details. Kayleen and Sara met with Fr Fini and Tony Coghlan to complete the paperwork and update account signatories

The following are proposed as new Joint Signatories on the Mothers Association account:

Rector – Fr Fini

Deputy Principle – Tony Coghlan

President Mothers Association – Kayleen McLean

Treasurer Mothers Association – Sara Brito

Moved – Paula Decleva, Seconded – Sally-Ann Cook.

Motion passed, above named are to be joint signatories on the account.

Father/Son Communion Dinner – 2 June:

- Five speakers through the evening – one from each decade
- Matt J organising the drinks
- Tony Rolfe has booked catering, Andrew to arrange dessert.
- Fathers Association – purchasing sporting goods for the raffle. Football tickets (Medallion Club) have been donated for auction.

Mothers Association will assist with serving dinner – more volunteers required. Sally-Ann to send email to contacts, and also place request for assistance into newsletter.

“Guest Speaker” Fr Fini – Detailing Mazenod Refurbishment Projects

- Chapel – Expected completion November 2017. Entire year level should fit into the Chapel once complete. Opportunity for families/old boys to assist with the funding by purchasing a commemorative plaque to be laid in the stairs of the Chapel entrance.
- Senior School (O’Rourke Building) – stage 1 due to be completed Feb 2018. Will encompass a new library down stairs and 9 new classrooms upstairs. Library space will include a sound proof booth to enable students and teachers to record “podcasts” and other media. There will also be multi-media spaces for students to utilise throughout the library space.
- Senior School (O’Rourke Building) – stage 2 due to commence once Stage 1 is completed. Will be a refurbishment of the current space, including fitting more seating into the lecture theatre, creating class room space where the current library sits, and re-fit of the upstairs classrooms to include workspaces in common areas. Fr Fini is “floating” the idea of sit/stand desks in classrooms.

Architecture drawings of the external spaces, as well as internal fitouts were provided to identify what the refurbishment would look like once completed.

Meeting closed 9.00pm