

Mercy Catholic College Parents and Friends Association

Meeting Minutes 29th April 2015

Meeting opened: 7.05 pm

Attendees: Lee S (Yr 10), Suzanne K, Catherine W (Yr 7), Carmel D (Yr 8 & 10), Chris & Michelle L (Yr 7 & 10), Andrew W, Naina W (Yr 7), Trish DP (Yr 10).

1. **Welcome from President and School Principal**
2. **Meeting opening prayer**
3. **Apologies – Liz K, Annaliza O**
4. **Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting minutes**
 - a. **Proposed – Andrew W**
 - b. **Seconded – Michelle L**
5. **Business arising –**
 - a. Short film idea – Suzanne K will follow up with Simon R
 - b. Library furniture – Suzanne K will provide the final price to the P&F Exec and review whether there is another contribution to the P&F from the school due so that Allene can review the P&F financial position and advise the Committee decision.
 - c. Cocktail party was a success, venue is suitable, atmosphere and format. A good rollup from Year 10 & Year 7 parents – discussion about attendance

Discussion about whether P&F should subsidise expense for families for whom cost is a factor

Chris – early marketing for the event – obtain more ticket sales and then provide funds for sponsorship if families are having financial difficulty.

Lee – send invitation to office in November to Year 7 parents and final newsletter of the year.

Proposal: That the P&F provide financial assistance to support parents/ friends who have financial difficulty to attend P&F events.

Year 7 – going to organise social events; Mothers Day emails for Year 7 Parents Group to be sent – for the Saturday after mothers Day.

Lee- Year 9 Parent Group needs to be formed—Lee to investigate.

BBQ- Sue provided feedback and thanks to Michelle and Chris. Suzanne said it was a great success. Parent suggestions: that students should become more involved in Mercy events and more reminders made at Assembly. Suzanne K will mention this to tutors.

Mothers Days breakfast:

Lee S – has received only 25 RSVPs. Parent feedback said some did not realise the invitation was attached. Lee said there are lots of volunteers. Lee and Suzanne will follow up the Mothers Day invitation and send out again. Suzanne said that it would be good to get fathers to volunteer on the morning. The new invitation reminder will include a reminder for fathers to be involved.

Suzanne –Principal Report

125th Celebrations-Saturday 13th June .

Gala Dinner- Susanne said that the format may change. It will be held on school rather than somewhere else. Susanne has been building up a lot of contacts and looking forward to the ex students attending

25th August- Student celebration and mass. The Bishop will attend and they will have a cake and birthday party for the school. The celebrations are being designed by the students and student leaders with Susanne. Carmel made a suggestion that there could be cup cakes prepared by girls and *signed* (some discussion about food tech). Further discussion whether its better to have a large cake or some combination. Parent suggestion to build the “125” out of cup cakes.

Action- Carmel to provide Suzanne with estimate of cup cake costs and then the girls would decorate in tutor group and then join them together to make “125”

Photo’s- Planning is underway. Parent suggestion for drone photography which provides great photo’s and there are no OH&S issues.

Action – Suzanne will discuss with student leaders

Suzanne – met with Urban design team. Looking at redesign of area in undercroft to design house shields – by end of next term that area will be the house area

25th August – 3 glass sculptures unveiled representing:

- Mercy cross
- Catherine McCauley
- History of MCC from 1890 – present. They’ll be about 80kg, 2m high, located in the courtyard. MCC has always been a Mercy school has been known as 5 different names

Subject selection:

Year 10 – 11 – Students have an aptitude test, careers counsellor and info night prior to selection

Request from parents that more information be available for subject selection for years 8 to 9. Suzanne K is planning to bring this information to the Year 8 parent teacher night by having the subject co-ordinators available on this night too for the parents & their daughters to make an appointment about subject selection.

6. Correspondence - nil

7. Treasurer’s report

- a. Annaliza O emailed the financial reports – balance is \$34,000.

8. Principal/ Vice Principal's report and discussion

- a. Celebration dinner format has changed from off site to on site

9. President's report and discussion

- a. Covered in previous sections

10. General business

- A parent brought along "Entertainment book". Do the P&F think this is a good idea? Not supported as a fundraiser, parent suggested this may be suitable for the girls in the social justice committee for fundraising. Out of \$70 cost, \$14 goes towards the charity.

Action – Suzanne K advised this will still need an adult leading and will discuss with youth minister as to whether this is suitable for the Youthaction committee

Parent with contact Suzanne tomorrow with contact details. Suzanne with contact Youth minister and she will make contact if deemed to be appropriate

Meeting closed: 8:05pm

Next meeting: 5 August 7pm