



Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School

P & F Minutes

Date: May 13, 2020

7.30pm

MGPCS LIBRARY

Attendees: Esther Robertson, Jodie Capobianco, Natasha Alleway, Mike Feltham, Therese Hussey, George Coldham, Amanda Coldham, Karen Keddie, Kacey Waddington, Michelle Steward, Steph Kaciuba, Paul Kacuiba, Simone Cain, Sara Messina, Jodie Townley, Di Scriven

Apologies: Sharna Zinella

Guests: Nil

Meeting Opened at: 7.42pm

Opening Prayer: Di Scriven

Attendance Book All people in attendance were reminded to sign in via the attendance book. Apologies also to be written into the book.

Acceptance of Previous Minutes

Motion of minutes if previous meeting accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved by: Michelle

Seconded by: Amanda

Matters arising from previous minutes

Nil

Correspondence in/out

- a) General email traffic
- b) Fundraising catalogues
- c) Distribution of latest P&F Minutes

Reports

President Report

No report this month

Treasurer Report **Natasha Alleway**

See attached

Principal Report **Therese Hussey**

See attached

Motion that the President, Treasurer & Principal's Reports be accepted

Moved: Kacey Seconded: Steph

Board Report - Mike Feltham

1. The board discussed the impact that the corona virus has had on the school's finances. Some capital works have been put on hold until being re-evaluated later in the year.
2. Of the 136 Catholic Primary Schools in WA, only about 55 new enrolments have been taken across these schools. MGCPs has done well as 5 of those enrolments have been here.
3. The Boards marketing sub committee will meet before the next board and P&F meeting to discuss marketing for all classes but especially the three year old kindy - Pre-primary classes.

Parish Report

How things have changed! My last report was full of activities in the Parish as we all prepared for Easter and then Corona Virus came to town and our everyday life has been anything but normal.

19th March email arrived to advise that there would be no masses in the church from now on, but the church would be open at limited times for personal prayer. Confession was still held that Saturday.

25th March a notice came requesting that people on the envelope system convert to direct debit so the church upkeep was maintained. There was also a request that we added some funds as the 1st collection to fund Fr Joseph's upkeep.

25th March another email as the word came that the church was to go into complete lockdown.

Parish Report Cont....

From the beginning Fr Joseph and the parish secretary forwarded emails of encouragement and advice, some lovely prayers, details of the TV mass for you at home on Sunday's, all the Easter services from St Mary's Cathedral in Perth and in Sydney which was on channel 7.

Both the parish bulletin and the Archbishops newsletters and so much more. Fr Joseph has been fantastic, each week something enlightening comes through to give us all support.

Now we are allowed to open churches, but for limited numbers! Not sure how that is going to work or when we will get back to our Sunday masses, but I am just thankful that I live in this parish in WA.

Fundraising Update

Entertainment Book

We have had an additional 2 electronic books sold to date.

Quiz Night

Due to the ongoing uncertainty of Covid-19, lifting restrictions and also numbers of people allowed in venues, this event has been postponed until further notice.

Matthew Gibney Day

This event has been changed to October 30th (at this stage)

Book Week

Instead of having actual book prizes this year, perhaps a book voucher? From either Scholastic or from a store like Dymocks.

Mother's Day

The gifts were all delivered to school just before shutdown, with some gifts being personally delivered to those families already in isolation. All gifts well received. the Mother's Day mass has postponed. Well done to those who organised the gifts!

Easter Raffle

This went off really well, with every child receiving Easter eggs. Well done team. It was a great result to get this all done before we went into lockdown.

General Business

Covid-19

All remaining 2020 events have now been postponed. The year 6 camp has been rebooked for term 4. Our Mother's Day gathering 'might' be combined with Father's Day (if restrictions allow)

Our Quiz night is now postponed until 2021. As we don't yet have any direction from the State Government as to what restrictions will be lifted and when, this is our safest option. Burswood on Swan is still available, and can hold up to 300 people.

Perhaps in place of the quiz night, we could hold a car run/scavenger hunt. This can be done from the safety of your own vehicle, and at your leisure. The term 2 holidays might be a fantastic time to do this as it gives families 2 weeks to complete the tasks. George put his hand up to spear head the planning for this event. Thank you George! A small committee will be put together to help with this.

Jodie said that the family photo event can still go ahead as it is something that can be done at a 'safe distance' from people, and will be outdoors.

We just need to start thinking 'outside the box'. Events can still happen - just not as we have done them in the past.

Supporting our school and families during these difficult times.

To this end, Michelle suggested a 'pay it forward' lunch order system. Any amount you have that is 'extra' you could donate to the canteen to help when children don't have lunch. This was met with 100% support. It was suggested that maybe a donation box be set up in the office for this.

Another suggestion was a coffee meetup on the school oval. Perhaps the 1st Friday of each month? We could use a coffee van or the P&F Urn for this.

It would give caregivers the opportunity to meet up for a chat, a coffee and possibly a walk for those who would like to move some "Covid kilos". Natasha suggested we check with COK for the limits of people allowed on the oval (just to be safe).

It's simple things like this that will help all of us feel normal again.

Confirmation of next meeting: June 17, starting at 7.30pm

Meeting Closure: 8.31pm