Marist Sisters College Woolwich
Parents and Friends Association

Minutes of General Meeting – 17th February, 2009

Sister opened the meeting with a prayer at 7.30 pm and officially welcomed
Mark Pauschmann – new Deputy Principal

Present: Cathy Schiller (President), Sr Fidelis, Mark Pauschmann Mark Houlihan, Marie Houlihan, Tanya Toohey, Julia Meade, Paul Xenikos, Suzie Ager, Jane Rungwerth, Cathy Spiller, Sue Smith, Nobert Chow, Anne Evans, Bernadette Ienna, Linda Der (Vice-President), Rosalia Foley, Caroline Carmody (Treasurer), Paul Carmody, Judy Gillespie, Judy Pointing, Daniela Sigglekow, Michele McCabe, Gillian Bryant, John Crimmins, Tracey Mitchell, Mary Walsh, Carolyn Maunell, Robyn Tames, Rachel Bourke (Secretary).

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the General Meeting held on 11th November, 2008 were distributed and accepted. Moved Rosalia Foley, Seconded Daniela Sigglekow. Carried.

Business Arising

The date for the grant application in November had already expired.

Correspondence received

- Information about Mobile Climbing Walls
- Information about venues for School Formals

Principal’s Report

- 2008 HSC results were very good and the girls should be commended for the way they handled the disruptions caused by the construction of the new building
- This stage of the building project has now been completed
- On Wednesday evening (18th February) there is a Visual Art exhibition. This is also a good chance to see the new building
- The next stage of the building will commence possibly in 2010. This will be determined by funds.

Treasurer’s Report

- Balance in the account is $956.00
President’s Report and General Business

- The President, Cathy Schiller, welcomed everyone and introduced the new committee: Vice President: Linda Der; Treasurer: Caroline Carmody; Secretary: Rachel Bourke; Trivia Night coordinators: Rosalia Foley and Daniela Sigglekow; Canteen coordinators: Anne Evans and Bernadette Ienna.

- The P&F are trying to develop a greater sense of community and the Year Parent system has been introduced for Years 7 - 9. These parents will collect contact details from each student and collate a class list to be distributed to the families.

- The new canteen is structurally complete with plumbing and electricity connected and the floor and walls are tiled. However, items such as benches, ovens, sinks, refrigeration etc still need to be purchased and quotes are being organized to outfit the canteen.

- Judy Pointing suggested that her husband has knowledge of commercial kitchens and he may be able to do some research and advise on the fit-out. We will also consider purchasing all or some of the items at auction and would welcome the assistance of other parents with knowledge in this area.

- The P&F will run a sausage sizzle every Monday with lots of volunteers needed and welcome all mums, dads and grandparents to assist (first one on Monday 2nd March). The committee is hoping to make $1000.00 a week in order to raise money for the fit-out of the new canteen.

- Open Day is on Sunday 5th April (Palm Sunday). The P&F will run the traditional sausage sizzle which Sue and Cliff Smith have kindly offered to coordinate. In addition, another family has generously donated the use of a mobile coffee cart. The P&F will also run a cake stall and a gelato stand.

- The Trivia night is on Saturday 23rd May. Prizes are being organized and raffle tickets will be sent home. Volunteers are wanted to help the committee members.

- The Business Directory will be a fund raising venture again this year.

- The Police Liaison Officer will be visiting MSCW to speak to both parents and students about Internet safety – watch the newsletter for date and further information.

- Ideas were discussed as to how to let people come and see the new building.

- Following a vote taken with all present at the meeting, it was agreed that the Trivia Night will be for the adults this year and run as a fundraiser with proceeds going towards the fit-out of the new canteen.

- There is a possibility of another Trivia night for the girls later in the year.

- A note will go home via email about how parents can help for different fundraising or community building activities.

- The Vice Principal, Mr Mark Pauschmann spoke about the finance committee to be established and would welcome a parent with a finance background to join the committee.

- Discussion arose about the electronic form of the newsletter. The format of the newsletter was questioned.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm