Marist Sisters College Woolwich
Parents and Friends Association

Minutes of General Meeting – 10th November, 2009

Sister opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Cathy Spiller, Jane Rugwerta, Anne Evans, Bernadette Ienna, Cathy Schiller, Daniela Sigglekow, Caroline Carmody, Paul Carmody, Linda Der, Greg Foley, Robyn Tames, Mary-Lou Peachey, Sue Smith, Tracey Mitchell, Margaret Ratcliffe, Belinda Paslio, Anne Quill, David Beauchamp, Jennifer Winter, Chris Bryan, Mark Pauschmann, Rachel Bourke.

Apologies: Anna Beard and Judy Pointing

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the General Meeting held on 11th August, 2009 were distributed and accepted.
Moved: Cathy Spiller; Seconded: Linda Der

Special presentation

Emma Marshall was presented with an Excellence in Teaching Award and was congratulated by her family and members of the P and F.

Business Arising
RPA Lifehouse
A proposal was made to donate $1000.00 to RPA Lifehouse.
A lengthy discussion arose around the P & F making donations to charity. Some parents believed money raised from the different fund raising events throughout the year, should be used to benefit the school and not to support charities since the girls do this within their House groups.
Another view was that this was a one off donation as Chris O’Brien had previously been to the school to speak to the girls about skin cancer awareness.

A vote was taken with 13 in favour and 18 against.
It was decided that the P & F needed to draft a constitution which would address the issue of charitable donations. This would also include clear criteria as to what charities would be supported, if any.

Automatic foam dispensers
Sr Fidelis will continue to investigate the possibility of automatic foam dispensers for the toilets.
Correspondence received
A letter was received about fundraising using stickers.

Treasurer’s Report

Period 12/8/09 to 10/11/09

Opening Balance after last meeting 11/8/09 $30,210.56

Income
Interest $61.81
Chocolate sales $78.60
Total Income $140.41

Less:

Expenses
Donation to school $26,000.00

Closing Balance at 10 November 2009 $4,350.97

President’s Report

Cathy Schiller thanked the sponsors that have supported the school throughout the year. She also thanked the parents that had helped in any capacity during the year. The Internet Safety talk was successful. Those who helped at the working bee were also thanked. Linda, Rosalia and Hedda were thanked and they are continuing to work on the New Year’s Eve committee. Cathy also thanked the P & F committee.

General Business

Wish list for 2010 – the school would like to have a commercial kitchen behind the hall so that Hospitality and Food Tech. course are able to use the kitchen on site instead of being taken to other sites. The kitchen will also serve the school for functions and then in the future the hall could be booked out to raise further money for the school. The cost for the kitchen is approximately $45 000.00.
Trivia night 2010 – A notice will be put in the newsletter calling for volunteers for forming a committee for the Trivia Night.

P & F Constitution – A constitution will be drafted. It was not decided who is responsible for this.

Open Day – A sub-committee will be established for 2010.

Drug and Alcohol talk – It was discussed that DARTA give a presentation to the parents of Year 10 students. This will be further investigated by Cathy Schiller. The fee for this is $1000.00.

Uniform suppliers – David Beauchamp will give Mark Pauschmann quotes to be the uniform supplier instead of Lowes. Lowes require two year’s notice if this is to happen. Daniela Sigglekow will follow up on representative uniforms.

McGrath sponsorship – In order to fulfil the conditions for McGrath sponsorship of $1000.00 this year, it was decided to place ads in the school newsletter.

Events at school – Sister is happy to have more events for parents at the school.

Group Assignments – The teachers will work on this and talk to the students at school so that out of school time is not expected for group assignments.

Mac Computers – Mac Computers will be available as class sets to ensure greater accessibility for all students. Computers have been damaged or lost and repairs have often not been paid for. The Mac computers belong to the school, not individual students.

A vote of thanks – Chris Bryan thanked Sister, the staff and all involved at MSCW.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Principal’s Report

An award for the new building was given from the Master’s Building Award.

In 2008, MSCW was ranked 82nd in the HSC results.

The girls are performing exceptionally well in sport.
The meeting closed at 8.45 pm followed by supper.

Chaplain program – This has been very successful with High Resolves in Years 8 – 10. The theme: One person can make a difference in the world.

The Meditation Program was enjoyed by the girls.

**Election of the new committee**
Sister suggested the President stays for 2 years to maintain continuity.

Cathy Schiller was elected President  
Anne Quill was nominated as Vice – President and was elected.  
Belinda Paslio was nominated as Treasurer and was elected.  
Mary-Lou Peachey was nominated for Secretary and was elected.

The trivia night co-ordinator was Daniela Sigglekow with a sub-committee of Cathy Spiller, Jane Rungwerta, Tracey Mitchell and Robyn Tames.

Sister thanked the outgoing committee.

Dates for meetings in 2010

- Tuesday, 9th February  
- Tuesday, 11th May  
- Tuesday, 27th July  
- AGM - Tuesday, 26th October

Open Day – Sunday 29th March, 2010