MSCW  Parents and Friends Association

Minutes of General Meeting, February 15th 2011

Present: Rosalia Foley, Caroline Carmody, Linda Der, Cathy Daskalokis, Margy Andrews, Richard Hillyer, Susan Alexander, Maryann Walsh, Kathleen Le Marquand, Michael Maloney, Leon Christodoulakis, Leonie Munce, Anne Quill, Rachel Bourke, Norbert Chow, Christina Trimble, Ann Freeman, Kathleen Badolato, Belinda Paslis, Cathy Schiller, Annie Breslin, Daniela Sigglekow, Mary-Lou Peachey, Tanya Tooley, Ana Credentino, Paul Xenikos.

Apologies: Fr Kevin Bates, Sue Smith, Judy Pointing

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of meeting held October 26 2011, were moved and seconded. Moved: Linda Der, Seconded: Daniela Sigglekow

Business arising from minutes

1. Building Update – The building plans for the next stage of the renovations went to tender last Monday. It’s hoped that building will commence early in Term 2. Stage 1 will take 12 months to complete during which time the top 2 floors of the Chanel building will be out of use. Stage 2 may take up to another 12 months to complete and the bottom 2 floors will be out of use during this time. Due to the difficult nature of the site, the building could take longer to complete. Year 12 students will be accommodated well away from the noise to minimise any disruption.

2. The Marketplace – Is greater promotion of The Marketplace required? It was generally agreed that The Marketplace was a useful facility, however, many people were unaware that it existed or were unsure how to access it. Information will be put in the newsletter to promote it and explain how it can be accessed.

3. Fundraising 2011 – It was unanimously agreed that the fundraising goal for this year would be new lockers.

Netball Carnival – Kathleen Badolato, MSCW Business Manager, explained that in June this year, it is MSCW’s turn to host an annual Netball Carnival which runs over 3 days at the Meadowbank Courts. The carnival will be attended by more than 300 girls from interstate. The host school is required to billet the girls, organise transport to and from the netball courts and to provide morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for the visiting teams. A significant cost and effort will be involved. Kathleen mentioned the school already has various ideas for fundraising, including asking local businesses for support. Kathleen asked whether the P & F would also be prepared to assist in
some way. Suggestions were made regarding possible P & F assistance and fundraising. It was agreed the P & F would coordinate a cake stall at the netball courts for the 3 days and the school community will be asked to donate cakes and a number of volunteers will be needed to cover a roster to staff the stall.

**Open Day** – Open Day will be held on Sunday 3rd April and provides an opportunity for the P & F to raise funds through a BBQ, gelato stand, coffee cart and cake stall. Volunteers will be required for helping with the stalls and a notice will be put in the newsletter.

**Trivia Night** – It was felt that the amount raised from last year’s trivia night was not sufficient to make it worthwhile as a fundraising event, though it may still be considered as a social function. It was suggested that holding the event at a venue such as a local club, would be less work for the organisers as far as setting up and cleaning up. Apparently, some clubs are willing to provide free hire of their premises in return for the purchase of drinks. Daniela will make inquiries with local clubs.

**Other Fundraising Ideas** –
- Cocktail Party
- Performing Arts Night
- Chocolates
- A car raffle in conjunction with Rotary (Kathleen will make inquiries)
- A Melbourne Cup Trifecta

**Correspondence**

Only advertising material.

**Principal’s Report**

- Christina thanked the school community for the warm welcome she’d received.
- The HSC results were exceptionally good.
- The SC results were above the state average in all subjects.
- WILL was discussed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

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President’s Report

• Farewell for Sr Fidelis. The P & F contributed $500 towards a farewell gift for Sr Fidelis - a laptop computer, a mobile phone and 2 years worth of phone credit.
• Thank you to Daniela for organising the New Year’s Eve function which raised $2,141.40

Agenda Items

• Essay Writing Skills – Achievement of good essay writing was a concern raised by some parents as this is often a huge hurdle for girls. However, School Certificate and Higher School Certificate results indicate that the girls are generally achieving in the area.
• Sick Bay – Improvement of the ‘sick bay’ facilities at the school was raised for discussion. Christina Trimble and Ann Freeman will investigate the matter and report back at the next meeting.

General Business

• P & F Safe - The P & F should have it’s own safe for their funds, rather than keeping them in the school safe,
• World Youth Day - A number of Yr 10 and 11 students will be attending World Youth Day this year.
• School Dux - It was suggested that girls who had excelled in the HSC should be invited back to the school to speak to students about how they had achieved their success.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next meeting to be held Tuesday 10th May 2011