

Minutes of the general monthly meeting
P&F Iona college
6th June 2022

Location- Growth Hub

- 1. Opening Prayer** **Fr Michael Twigg OMI**

- 2. Attendance and Apologies-** **nil**

- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting** - approved by Anne Stone and seconded by Megan Morris

- 4. Correspondence-** bank statements, some fund-raising advertising, Career's expo mail for President, uniform advertising mail.

- 5. Principal's Report –**
 - Year 5, 7 & 9 NAPLAN
 - Senior Productions Importance of Being Earnest- very impressive, congratulations to those involved.
 - Music concerts. Year 5 last week.
 - Year 9 Camp postponed- too wet. Looking at alternatives.
 - Run some rounds of Sport
 - 28th May Old Boys and Indigenous round- Marist then and last week Padua St Peters this weekend. Iona will play a few other schools; we have more teams.
 - Cross country – Junior first, Senior second to Marist College.
 - Cultural- Chess, won against Padua,
 - Oblate's sustainability forum- students participating in national program.
 - Last week- soft lock down drill, later in the year more drills including evacuation drill.
 - House night masses
 - Marian Cup against LHC, Iona won narrowly.
 - World Staff Day on Wednesday
 - Year 12 exam start tomorrow, Year 11 next week. All grades doing end of term assessment. Reports due halfway through school holidays.

- 6. Rector's Report**
 - Open Day 1300-1500 attended. All greeted by Trevor and himself. Lots of community groups help advertise.
 - Enrolments completed for Year 5 2024
 - 100-Year-old church coming to the school over the next few weeks, worked with BMD so it wouldn't be demolished.
 - Meeting of Old Boys on how we can represent veterans- those who served and currently do.
 - A lot of fundraisers- Rosies, Darkness to Daylight, raise money for a boy with Leukemia.

- Arts community projects, Indigenous art in the Provence centre, two old boys producing; replica of the Abbey on the Island of Iona in Lego, a Dad is making it (was on Lego Masters)
- Launched the strategic plan. 2022-2025.

Question- What will the church be used for? Drama classroom, function space, holding place for kids to wait for things in Provence. Maybe community groups will use.

7. Treasurer's Report

- Geoff spoke about the Ladies event- thanked the Mums for coming along; raised approx. \$16 500 successful in community building. Thanked the local businesses for the donations and support. Thanks also to parents for their donations. Mark Sorrentino, thanks for the sponsorship. Called out the team at school that really helped make it happen. Exec will meet to discuss feedback and learnings we got from the day. Thanked Peter Holmes for his ticket selling. *(for full Thank you please see end of the minutes)*
- Peter- \$15833.59 in bank
- Not a lot of activity until the end of the month.
- Mum's lunch raised \$16500. (\$11500 from raffle, 5000 tickets sold prior event)

8. Guest Speaker – Megan Vardanega (on the Growth Hub)

- School based social worker.
- Areas of support, grief and loss, anxiety, study support etc.
- Space to allow the students to GROW- connections, well-being, and sense of self. A place where the boys can exhale and really be who they are.
- Lots of student well-being resources. Can just take without talking for information.
- Open every day at morning tea and lunch. Different levels each day. Nearly 40 boys each day use it.

Geoff asked for wish list items, what do they need. Promising research on things like well-being dogs.

How do the boys know when they can come in? It's advertised to them.

Question also asked what's the limiting factors? – at capacity every day, one at primary would be a potential option for the future.

Geoff asked Trevor if he sees a benefit. –Definitely. Kids enjoy, friendly space, really see's the benefit. Feels homely.

9. Supporter Committee's/ Catholic School Parents Reports - NIL

10.General Business

Anne Stone- considered a different way to do absentees. BCE school use an app. Pre-set with all the kid details. Trevor response- haven't thought of it but can-do research. Could be a part of the BCE school's student management system. May be able to enable it in Compass.

Leeanne Goodwin- is there anywhere the P&F can store our items, such as wrapping signs etc? Potentially use the space behind the green room.

Question about school dances and where we can have them, can't use the Carindale PCYC anymore. Can we use oblate hall? Needs to be a safe space. Can be investigated. Girls' toilets may be an issue.

Actions-

Raised	Item	Updates	Who	Date Closed
7/2/22	Where should any P&F funds raised go to in the next 12 months? Both P&F and CLT to discuss and come back with ideas.	<i>Current suggestion is the GROW Hub, next meeting will be held in there.</i>	P&F and ILT	
7/2/22	Can the uniform shop have an online option?	<i>Update from Trevor Goodwin- Photo's being taken now and testing of the system in progress 6/6/22- Update- Will be up and running next term.</i>	Fr Michael	
7/3/22	Find out if a Catholic schools parents' representative is required and who it might be from previous secretary.	<i>One is required, put a call out for a volunteer On-going</i>	P&F Secretary/President	
9/5/22	Lisa Woodhead feedback- potential working party- Leeanne to liaise. Regarding communications and difficulties with finding information on the various portals and the differences in approach from teachers.		P&F Vice President	
6/6/22	Dances- investigated		Dean of Community/Fr Michael/Trevor Goodwin	

11. New Business-

12. Next General Meeting

- 1st Aug 2022

13. Meeting Closed

Full thank you from President-

'Extraordinary' President's report on Ladies' Lunch.

Reflecting on the Ladies' Lunch held yesterday, I would like to thank the nearly 600 Iona Mums and Ladies of Significance who chose to celebrate their special status within our college community.

It was interesting to observe that our ladies pretty much find the simple opportunity of what is a simple function in its presentation to be the best way for them to have this time together. The joy of sharing a quality meal and a drink over good discussion and lots of laughs is something very easy to understand. The bonus to have the chance to win great prizes for a small investment in supporting P&F programs is the cream on top.

It takes a lot of work to put on an event, possibly more so when the simplicity in style and function is paramount to its success. Whilst we can measure the success in actual funds raised, as Peter will report later, to all the P&F committees through the years at Iona, our success has been more about 'community gathering' first, funds second. So, yes we can be happy that we've doubled what we raised last year, those that put into organising and supporting I would hope today are more than satisfied that we delivered on a Community Building Event.

I would like to recognise and give thanks to the entire P&F committee...Leeanne, Bronwyn, Peter, Megan and Anne, and our extra parent volunteers who stepped up.

Thanks also to the many businesses who again or for the first time donated...we must understand that for some small local businesses, they don't always have the capacity at this time to give as much as they would genuinely like to. I was heartened by the many and varied businesses that approached us to support the event and the fact that not one business in the suburbs of Iona who we sought support from knocked us back. I extend our thanks to Marc Sorrentino (Sorrentino Property) for his financial support through Sponsoring the Auction.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Iona Mums/Dads, families and friends who came with great prizes. The raffle and auction combined retail value was about \$8000 in local products or services.

My thanks to Danny Hoyland OAM, one of most experienced Brisbane MC's who gave of his time at no charge (not bad for a St Laurence College Hall of Fame inductee getting behind the Black and White), David Goodwin of Interport Cargo at Lytton and Matthew Hogg Property who stumped up when we needed some quick financial help in the days before the event.

To Phillipa and the ladies who work the Admin Reception desk, to Gaynor, Alexandra, Julia and Brayden, and yes let me say Gaynor again, thank you for your unwavering support and efforts to ensure this event was a great experience for all our guests and supporters.

The executive and committee will be meeting soon to review the whole *show* with the view to improving for 2023, for whoever is serving on the P&F. We have already received and begun putting feedback together to consider.