

Bishop Druitt College Parent & Friends Association Inc
Minutes of the General Meeting: 16th November 2009

Meeting Commenced: 6.35pm

Opening Prayer: Roger Oates

Present: Gary Evans; Sharna St Leon; Lynne Gordon; Tom Ryan; Colleen Williams; Garrick Williams; Melinda Corlis; David Spears; Sian Leal; Vanessa Fraser; Helen Parkes; Margaret Bennett; Petrina Tankel; Craig Melrose; Shane Oxley; Roger Oates; Graeme Naftel.

Apologies: Karen Downie; Jen Ryan; Graham Anderson; Therese Sames.

Previous Minutes: Accepted Gary Evans. Seconded Vanessa Fraser.

Business Arising: The P&F pamphlet has been updated and was included in the Information Packs for Kindy and Year 7 students for 2010.

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President's Report: Tom Ryan

Tom welcomed all to our last meeting of the year and thanked all the P&F members, executive members, canteen volunteers, parents, friends and staff who have supported the P&F during the year. Even attending the P&F events is making a contribution and helps us raise the funds for the P&F. We have maintained that our meetings be enjoyable without people feeling obligated but to share our main aim of supporting the school which we want to be fun with the opportunity to socialize.

Vice President – Social: David Spears

David spoke to some of the Kindy parents on Friday 13th and met some enthusiastic parents who would like to volunteer in the Canteen. He stressed the social aspect of the P&F also talked about the Welcome Reception which is our first event for the year on the Friday 5th of February 2010. Petrina Tankel also had the opportunity to address the Year 7 parents, delivering all the positive aspects of being part of the school community.

Treasurer's report: Gary Evans

Gary thanked Shane Oxley and Helen Parkes for all their help with the end of year bookkeeping and all things financial that goes on behind the scenes.

We recently donated \$8,500 for 250 chairs which are on order and will be used for functions and assemblies to reduce the cost of hiring.

The P&F is in a strong financial position thanks to the addition of catering and our fundraising has also increased by 10-12%.

Canteen Report: Gary Evans

Gary has met with Shane Oxley to set a direction for the next year. What has been looked at to date is that the catering is making a profit; there is a need to set up a Canteen Committee and Bryn is to be responsible for rostering volunteers which are essential to the running of Canteen.

Gary asked if anyone is interested in being on the Canteen Committee, with Gary himself continuing an interest along with Craig Melrose and Lynne Gordon at this stage.

Correspondence: Lynne Gordon

Was presented as advertising material.

General Business

A school song was proposed by Petrina Tankel with Roger saying that Dale Condon from the Music Department has already been looking at this.

The 2010 P&F Business Directory/Calendar is still underway. Anyone wanting to advertise their business please contact Gary Evans on 0413 552188 or email your details to gary.carol@optusnet.com.au to get your business involved. Forms are also available from Gary at the above email or at the College Reception. Closing date is the 10th Dec 2009.

All adverts will cost \$110, be listed alphabetically by category and be of the same size with all proceeds going towards the P&F Association.

A sign will go up in the car park and a flyer will be included in the newsletter.

Farewell to Roger: Tom Ryan

Tom thanked Roger for always being available and supporting the P&F. We get to hear the positive achievements of students but very little about the contribution of good staff and the ability of being led well. It's interesting to note that 83.3% of students have not had any other principal which goes towards Roger owning the School's achievements to date. Tom wished Roger and family all the best for the future.

An invitation by Win Howard, The Chairman, BDC Council is in the post inviting all to attend a gathering for Roger and family on Saturday 12 December from 2 – 4pm on the Music Lawn. There is also a farewell Assembly on Monday 7 December at 10am in the Green Room.

Meeting Closed: 7.30pm.

We concluded the meeting on the Music Lawn with Steve Allan, along with his sons Tim, Locke and Nick, friends, P&F members and staff to acknowledge a plaque dedicating the Music Lawn to Elizabeth Allen, a parent & member who represented the P&F by always being there to help out. Tom Ryan spoke followed by a few words by Steve. Steve commented that Liz always felt that she received far more by her contribution to the school with the friendships she made by being part of the fun that can be had from volunteering.

This was followed by a social gathering with food platters from the canteen and drinks donated by the school.

Next General Meeting is to be held on Monday 15th February 2010 at 6.30pm at the Seniors Common Room.
