ST JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Parents & Friends Association

Meeting minutes

Date: Tuesday, 5\textsuperscript{th} August 2014

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Larc

Present: Barry Shanley, Rebecca Blake, Colleen Templeton, Kelly Lukic, Colleen Smith, Carol Martin, Natalie Jones, Catherine Wildman, Kate Hooke, Maryanne Finlay, Sharon Francis and Louise Miller

Apologies: Sallianne Tucker and Danielle Maxwell

Meeting opened: Prayer lead by Natalie Jones

Minutes from previous meeting: Adopted by Kelly Lukic

Seconded by Rebecca Blake

Correspondence in/out: Lovely thank you card from Dawn Templeton

President’s Report:

- **Mingara Grant** - $2,500 going towards home readers – thanks to Barry for writing up the successful grant application and Kelly Lukic for bringing this opportunity to Barry’s attention. Rebecca & Barry were amazed at the amount of non-profit charity organisations that are out there.

- **Helping Hands cook-up** - no meals in there at present – Rebecca to advertise and we only need 5 in the kitchen at a time.

- **Knitting for Needy** – It was suggested that at up-coming Grandparents morning we could gain expressions of interest from those who could get involved by having a few fliers to add names, and contact details to follow up with instructions when we are ready.
• **P&F room being put to good use** – all finished and being put to good use – Wakakiri is taking up a lot of the storage space and Spring Fair items are also needing to be stored here too. There is a large mirror at the back of the room that needs to be brought out ready for Book Parade.

• **Fair Up-date – Kate Hooke** – 11 ½ weeks until fair – Week 8 letters will be going out for donation letters for their respective grades. Years 5 & 6 will get their letter beginning of Term 4. Still looking for a few more corporate sponsorship opportunities – a few more co-ordinators are needed which we will seek further support. Everything is booked and organised and stall co-ordinators are all very well organised and taking charge.

  o Corporate Sponsorship – these are sponsoring all the various stalls at the Fair – this allows sponsors to advertise their business at each respective stall – Major Sponsor – Property Central will do a flier drop to 2,500 postage drops for free and advertise on their back page. $200 basic sponsorship package.
  o Fair Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Week 9.
  o Holding off on collecting second hand goods until September to start collecting these items until P&F room is more available.
  o Congratulations to Kate and Sharon for a fantastic job co-ordinating and organisation for the up-coming Spring Fair.

**Treasurers Report:** Funds available at 5th August 2014

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Carol shared current expenditure in preparation for Spring Fair, together with a summary of the Corporate Sponsorship that has been taken to date.
DPC Report:
Last Wednesday, 30th July we had the Cluster meeting with St. Peters, St. Cecelia’s, St. Mary’s, and OLR schools. This meeting allowed Executives to discuss Strategic planning for 2015-2017, what’s working well in your schools (liked our Grandparent’s upcoming event).

Up-coming Parent seminars include:
- Build Your Family’s Mental Fitness – Tuesday, 19th August @ St. Cecelia’s
- Parenting Gifted / High Ability Children – Thursday, 11th September @ MacKillop Catholic College

SJF Social Committee Report:

- **Grandparents’ Day Mass & morning tea** – Friday 15th August – Marnie is to take responsibility for this event. It was suggested that we should have plenty of food available – 17 people have indicated ability to assist. Marnie mentioned that they have 170 grandparents that have RSVP’d for this event and Marnie is considering having the volunteers work in 2 shifts.
- **Father’s Day Stall** – Tuesday 2nd September – children to bring $5.00
- **Father’s Day Bacon & Egg Breakfast** – Friday 5th September – will seek parent helpers in the coming weeks.

Term 4:

- **World Teachers’ Day** – Friday 10th October - provide lunch to the teachers
- People have been asking are we having a dinner dance this year. It is suggested that in lieu of Spring Fair we will look at doing something like a dinner dance or Trivia night next year.

SJF Fundraising Committee Report

**Athletics BBQ** – This was a great success raising $660 and fabulous turnout of helpers on the day.
Disco – 250 children attended – raised $750 from this event and it was a fantastic night

Term 3 – Major raffle – tickets to be sent home in Week 9 and drawn at Spring Fair – we need to establish a table that we can sell any left-over major raffle tickets. Rebecca has organised all the prizes and about to send request to printers to organise ticket production.

Term 4

Bricks and Pavers Fundraiser – this was decided to look at this in 2015.

Family Portraits – Friday, 17th October - $20 portrait – starting at 3pm – Kelly mentioned that the photographer requested 30 bookings. Kelly to make further enquiries.

School Fair – Sunday, 26th October

Gingerbread House Night – Friday, 28th November

Principals Report:

- Spelling – new curriculum – puts strong emphasis on phonemic awareness – NAPLAN spelling has improved in last few years.
- Barry keen to hear our P&F views around homework - classroom educators spend a lot of time on homework and marking when it is out of context – varying perspectives amongst the group on the value of homework versus not doing it at all. A few parents talked positively about Internet based Programs. A number of parents talked positively about project work around a topic of interest. We could talk about this for hours.

General business:

- Kelly Lukic – wanted to mention a huge thank you for all the teachers and their preparation for parent / teacher interviews – very much appreciated. On-line bookings working well.
- Car park lines – a parent commented that they appear a little narrow – Barry acknowledges this but stated they were regulation size and were
based on written guidelines and his measurement at numerous car parks.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Thanks everyone.