

# Partnership with Parents Group Meeting

## Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 7.30pm (Functions Room)

### MINUTES

Meeting opened at 7.35pm

1. Prayer & Welcome new comers – Dianna
2. Motion to approve the minutes of last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February.
  - a. Moved by Kim Garth (Xavier)
  - b. Seconded by Raelene Herlihy (Mc Auley)
3. Review of House Dinners
  - a. Some confusion over methods of communication meant booking numbers were initially low but an SMS reminder bolstered numbers to 168
    - i. **Actions:**
      1. Add flyers to Year 7 information pack at end of 2017 for 2018 dinner. Also consider handing out flyers at Year 7 Picnic.
      2. Send SMS reminder
      3. Set booking deadline at least one week prior to dinner (to encourage booking and allow adequate planning/ordering time for food
  - b. Three houses on the one night was considered successful but it was felt that even more opportunity to mix between houses would have been beneficial
  - c. Unanimous praise for students involved
    - i. **Action:**
      1. Note to remember to bring students out to thank them at end of night
  - d. Overall food was excellent although some attendees had provided feedback that due to large numbers some meals were cold by the time they were served. 2 course format (rather than 3 courses) was considered a success
  - e. Some found difficulty in paying for individual drinks with no split bills
    - i. Suggestion:
      1. Consider increasing price per head slightly to include a drink (beer, wine or soft drink) to avoid need to order and pay separately on the night
  - f. Raffles were well received and a great additional to the night which should be encouraged in future years.
4. Review of House Masses
  - a. Overall successful and positive feedback received.
  - b. Lovely morning teas following mass. Only issue reported with the coffee/tea supplies.
    - i. **Actions:**

1. Ensure tubs are restocked prior to collection
    2. Check expiry dates on contents and replace if necessary prior to collection
  - c. Numbers at some were down possibly due to clashes with sporting championships, finals, etc...
    - i. **Action:**
      1. Consider handing out flyers at Year 7 Picnic
      2. Remind students about their House Mass during weeks leading up
  - d. Mac Killop clashed with school fete
    - i. **Action:**
      1. Mac Killop mass to be held earlier in the sequence to avoid clash
5. Review of Relay for Life
- a. Record amount of \$6365 raised by 80 students
  - b. Numbers very thin through late night/early morning hours and responsibility to keep baton moving falls mainly on two people
    - i. **Action:**
      1. Prepare a more rigid roster to ensure coverage across event
      2. Ensure presence at Closing Ceremony
  - c. Special thanks and recognition to Donna and Belinda for their commitment to the event over numerous years
6. Report from Sr. Revy Santiago
- a. Thanks to the three parents together with Mrs Dianna Alonso who helped out during the Friday Magis' first event which the kids called Magis Magic Juice Bar, where they sold smoothies on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. They were Mrs. Jackie Murphy, Mrs Michelle Garzia and Mrs. Jacqui Mancuso. Looking forward to another Magis event for Term 2, more parents may be involved too.
  - b. Two items from the Ignatian Newsletter published on the 30<sup>th</sup> March:
    - a. The Visit of the Image of Our Lady of Montserrat to Loyola families  
Loyola families are encouraged to accept the Visit of the Image of our Lady of Montserrat. It can stay in the family for a week.  
Options:
      - pick up and return the Image from Loyola College
      - or Sr Revy can bring the Image and pick up after a week

Forms were given out.
  - c. Sacramental Program:  
Loyola College prepares a program for students who haven't received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, the Eucharist, the Confirmation and also there might be families here who might want to embrace the Catholic faith and be baptized.

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d. Loyola students participation during the Holy Week

Sr. Revy intentionally attended Masses and the Easter Triduum during the Holy Week in different parishes in the Diamond Valley Deanery. It was really good to see some Loyola students participating at the celebration. She congratulated those parents who really gave importance to the spiritual life, and faith of their children.

It is really from the parents example and life of faith that children come to know that our life will never be complete without the God who cares for us and to whom we need to give back our worship and praise.

e.g. A student was one of the characters in the long Gospel reading during the Palm Sunday celebration.

e. Condolences to Caruso and Santonetti students and families whose grandparents recently passed away. Sr. Revy just sent them an email expressing deepest sympathy and asking for the details of their grandparents.

For the information of the parents: Each year Loyola College offers a November Memorial Mass for the deceased in the past 12 months. Thus details of the deceased will be asked, if the family is happy to include them in that Memorial Mass

Announcements from the Diamond Valley Deanery:

- a. Invitation to attend one of the Deanery's major activities for the year 2017 - An exploration of Catholic Social Teaching in the Twenty First Century which will be on Sunday, 7 May, 2 pm at St Francis of Assisi Church, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park. Mr. Mark Clarke, the Director of the Office for Justice and Peace of the Archdiocese of Melbourne is the main speaker. This session is a great opportunity for anyone who is involved in Social Justice Group and/or anyone who has a heart for social outreach.
- b. Special Event for Families! Fr. Leo Patalinghug, a Filipino raised in the USA, is the Founder of Grace Before Meals, an international movement to bring families back to the dinner table – away from work, school, TV, games and many other things we get caught up in. It will be held on Sunday, 30 April, 12 – 2:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park. The two talks will be the following: 1. Grace

Before Meals: Inspirations for Family Life 2. Hunger for God: Catholic Culinary Culture. Cost: Adults \$10, Families \$20.

#### Review of House Eisteddfod

- c. Positive response from all about event. Everyone agreed that all students involved did a fantastic job.
  - i. Suggestion:
    - 1. Would be great if even more students participated
- d. Pizza provided for students prior to performance was well received
  - i. Suggestion:
    - 1. A little more preparation and a few extra hands to serve would be great
  
- f. Discussion of Maytime Fair – Kim Garth
  - a. Explanation of event and Xavier House involvement. Great fun and rewarding day.
    - i. Invitation:
      - 1. Assistance from all houses to serve hot jam donuts greatly appreciated
  
- g. General Business Arising
  - a. Seating layout this evening made communication a little difficult
    - i. Action:
      - 1. Less spread out configuration for next meeting

Meeting Closed 8.30pm