



Stella Maris

COLLEGE MANLY

**Stella Maris College Manly
Parents & Friends**

Minutes

Thursday 29th February 2024

Meeting opened: 7.30 pm.

Attendance: 11 attendees:

Nicole Bruin, Linda Rowe, Clare Cahill, Sue Homann, Catherine Fitzgerald, Sarah Hipsley, Lisa, Regan, Vanessa Morello, Eve Harvey, Tracey Fowler

Apologies: Elizabeth Carnegie, Gayle Connor, Elle Weeden, Michael Brenchley

Prayer and welcome with acknowledgement of country

Catherine welcomed the group with the prayer and acknowledgement of country.

Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes from the P&F General Meeting on 19th October 2023 were accepted.

Business Arising

Clare would like to thank Holly Mackenzie for her service to the school and for being a Year 10 WhatsApp Parent Representative last year. Holly's daughter has now left the school, and the Year 11 WhatsApp parent Representative role is now vacant.

Reports

Budget

The budget was presented and attached to these minutes. The closing balance of the P&F account as of February 2024 is \$4,384. Clare and Nicole Bruin (treasurer) will meet to discuss in more detail as there may be some more changes post the Sunset Social and the fact that Nora has some Woolworth's receipts, and we need to pay Tilly, the musician.

Principals Report

In Elizabeth's absence, Sue Homman gave the Principal's Report:

The Music Rooms and D-Block (dountables) have received positive responses from teachers and students. Our annual Open Evening on Wednesday 13 March will be an opportunity to showcase the College and these new learning spaces to prospective families.

Building Works

The structural wall which required increased strengthening was completed and demolition works recommenced to G-Block. Work has progressed quickly, and waste/debris removal should be completed by 1 March. This has meant some increase in noise levels while trucks are loaded and waste removed.

Tiger tails have been installed around powerlines in Collingwood Avenue in preparation for scaffolding to be assembled for the upcoming demolition works to the hexagonal music building.

Matters arising from the executive meeting (includes motions proposed)

Father & Daughter Dinner at Manly Golf Club

Sue, Sarah, and Gayle are organising this event and will confirm when it is being held shortly. It will be a Year 10 and we are mindful that we are fighting for a share of wallet.

Year 12 Graduation Committee for 2024

There was a discussion on this as the team are struggling to find a venue in September that is big enough for the year 12 girls and their families. There was some discussion around venue options.

Up and coming events

Term 1:

Sunset Social Welcome Evening – 22 February

The evening went well, and 196 registered and 169 parents attended.

We over catered slightly but remaining food has been donated to staff for morning tea next week.

International Women’s Day Breakfast (school led) – 8 March

The school has sold 100 tickets so far.

Stella Open Evening – 13 March

We have received a number of volunteers for the event but could do with 4 more volunteers.

Year 7 Parent Mixer – 21 March

There are 26 parents registered as of this morning, and there will be a big push with Catriona next week. We hope to get to 40 attendees which would be a massive improvement on 2023. The P&F will pay for catering (\$30 per head).

Term 2:

Mother’s Day Breakfast (school led) –10 May

We will start looking for donations in the next 2 weeks (week 6). The P&F need to agree on where funds raised will go for 50% of raffle ticket sales.

P&F AGM – 16th May

The P&F Exec will work on the agenda format.

Stella Fellas Nomad Trivia – 19 May

Nick is looking at availability but hopes to put tickets on sale in Week 8.

Vivid By Night (all family) at Luna Park – 14 June

There will be an expression of interest held in Week 8.

Matters for future consideration.**Shrek The Musical**

Sarah asked if the P&F could support some funding for Shrek the Musical. The school needs to raise \$10,000 to put the musical on. They will be going to their suppliers to ask for support. The P&F agreed to give the musical \$1000 from the proceeds of the Mother's Day Raffle. This was motioned by Clare and seconded by Nicole.

Gift for Elizabeth Carnegie

Elizabeth will be retiring at the end of this year and the P&F would like to donate a thank you gift either to Liz or a charity of her choice. Clare and Sue will discuss this further.

Improvement in Communications with Stella and the local Catholic Primary Schools

Linda Rowe was approached by St John's, which hosts the Christmas Carole Event at Freshwater each year. They are charged a lot for AV equipment and would like to do something jointly with Stella. This led to discussing how Stella and the local Catholic primary schools can increase their connection points. Many of the primary school children love attending Stella's Musicals, and they are looking forward to Shrek this year.

Remaining P+F General Meetings for 2023

P&F AGM – 16th May
8th August
24th October

Meeting closed 8.30 pm.