

**Shalom College**  
**Parents and Friends Association**

**General Meeting**  
**Minutes 12<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**Attendance:** As per attendance book

**Apologies:** Heather Ford

**Previous Minutes:** The minutes of meeting 10 March were read.  
Michelle Wilde moved that the minutes be adopted.  
Seconded by Rob Sergiacomi

**Business Arising:** Shalom Day mud cakes - cost would be \$840 for 6 cakes.  
Drew Speight moved this be accepted.  
All in favour

**Correspondence**

**In:** Notification of Cluster Meeting 30 May 09  
News in Brief  
National Tree Day

**Out:** Diocesan Assembly form – notification of Diocesan Rep  
Thank you letter to Lisa Castro for her ongoing support

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** Geoff Ebert tabled the Balance Sheet and Income &  
Expenditure Statement for April (appended to the minutes) and  
moved they be adopted.  
Seconded by Peter Barone

**Board Report:** The Board met on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Dan McMahon presented  
proposal regarding changes to Pastoral Care Structures which  
the Board unanimously supported.  
The Board is currently working on Grievance Policy review.

**Diocesan Report:** Jan Beckmann reported on the upcoming Cluster Meeting to be  
held in Gladstone 30<sup>th</sup> May informing parents that the P&F will  
pay for two members to attend and asked for any other interest.

**Principal's Report:** Dan McMahon reported on the following:

- *Chaverim* – the addition of a new partitioned room has been completed for use by a variety of different groups which would enhance the facility's versatility.

- Red Shield Appeal – request was made for student involvement in this year’s appeal with great response.
- 2010 Enrolments - interviews have begun for 2010 with 310 applications received for around 250 available places.
- Learning support - has been enhanced by an increase in aid hours to full time.
- Race Day - thank you to all involved for a successful day.
- Shalom Day - thank you to the P&F for donating the cakes for the Eucharistic celebration. Also the importance of Shalom Day would be discussed with students and with the support of parents it should not be seen by any students as a day off school.  
Possibly look at making School Mass a term event.
- Pastoral Care Structures – Dan McMahon presented the following proposal to look at reviewing the current pastoral care structure with the possibility of moving away from the horizontal structure and adopting a vertical structure to provide a variety of benefits to the school community.  
Horizontal structure –
  - This is the current system which groups students in year levels with year co-ordinator and assistant.
  - 25-30 students in pastoral care group with the advantage of being specialized and age specific however with some disadvantages.
 Vertical Structure –
  - Proposed system which groups students in houses with a mix of students from years 8-12.
  - Pastoral Care group would still remain around the same size of 25-30 students
  - Facilitate continuity of care for students
  - House co-ordinator and PC teachers stay with the same group for the duration of the students’ journey at the college.
  - The group stays stable and students are able to develop an on-going relationship with one significant adult.
  - Provides leadership opportunities for older students with positive mentoring opportunities and breaks down the negative elements of ‘group’ mentality.
  - Sense of family and community spirit.
  - Getting to know students in other year levels.
  - Parents get to know child’s primary carer.
  - Possibility of extending to 8 houses with house co-ordinators not year co-ordinators.

Parents present at the meeting indicated their support of this proposal.

### **General Business:**

- Solomon Islands Trip – 29 June to 7 July 2009 – Chris Roelofs presented a proposal outlining an upcoming trip for Yr 11 and 12 construction students. 14 students and 4 staff will travel to the Solomon Islands to help rebuild the hospital in Munda which services around 30,000 people. The aim of the trip is for students to spend time refurbishing the birthing unit of the hospital to improve hygiene, enabling proper sanitisation and improving conditions for

patients and staff. The trip is mostly self-funded by students with the support of Rotary and they have requested some financial assistance to help with transporting of equipment and supplies.

Drew Speight moved that \$2500.00 be allocated to help subsidise the cost of transporting supplies.

All in favour

- Donations to Africa - Angela Myles presented a summary of Clare Stallard's recent trip to Africa where she encountered a kindergarten operating with minimal supplies. Thanks to an incredible amount of donations from the community of stationery supplies, a large quantity of donations have been sent on with a transport cost of around \$3000.00 and financial assistance has been requested to help subsidise these costs.

Drew Speight moved that \$1500.00 be allocated to help subsidise the cost of transporting these donations.

All in favour

- Car Draw Sub-committee – John Elphinstone reported the following:
  - Rob Sergiacomi will review tenders for car selection.
  - Investigate various databases of parents and past ticket buyers and generate email and flyer.
  - Incentive prizes available if you are there on the night to encourage attendance at the draw.
  - Further details of business plan and ticket cost are currently under consideration by the committee.
- Market Sub-committee – Geoff Ebert reported on the following:
  - Issues have arisen regarding poor conditions of some of the car parking
  - There have been some issues of smoking and dogs which need further discussion with sub-committee.
  - Pricing in canteen needs to be looked at further.
  - Concern over lack of availability of co-ordinator to deal with issues.
- Education Sub-committee – David Gahan reported on the following.
  - Education event will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June.
  - Guest speaker Brett Lee will cover issues relating to internet security and cyber bullying.
  - Information flyer will go into newsletter

**Next Meeting:**                    **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.00pm**

It was decided that the education evening will replace the meeting for June.

**Meeting Closed:**            9.00pm