

Shalom College
Parents and Friends Association

General Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday 2nd February 2010

- Attendance:** As per attendance book
- Apologies:** Brad Harvey, Stephen Dale, Trudy Hohn
- Previous Minutes:** The minutes of meeting 10th November 2009 were read.
Janice Harvey moved that the minutes be adopted.
Seconded by Heather Ford.
- Business Arising:** School Sign - has been ordered and should be up and running by the end of February.
Car Draw – very successful night with a profit of around \$7,000.00.
Success was attributed to the lower cost of ticket price and Drew Speight thanked all involved for their help beforehand and on the day.
- Correspondence**
- In:** Nil
- Out:** Car Draw letters of thanks - Shane & Sharon Andrews
- Anthony and Teena Mammino
- Treasurer's Report:** Geoff Ebert tabled the Balance Sheet and Income & Expenditure Statement for November 09 (appended to the minutes) and moved they be adopted. Seconded by Heather Ford.
- Board Report:** Mr Dan McMahon reported that members of Shalom rowing spoke at the last Board meeting regarding a request for funding to build a rowing shed at Sandy Hook as the current shared facility has become overcrowded. The purpose built shed would store Shalom rowing equipment and a development application would be looked at after discussions with council regarding the possibility of leasing land at Sandy Hook. The cost of approximately \$400,000 was a big investment and the proposal was in the initial stages with no decision having been made yet. Feedback would be sought from the school Board and the school community.
- Diocesan Report:** No report was available
- Principal's Report:** Mr Dan McMahon reported on the following – The staggered start to the school year has been successful with the Year 12 as Year 8 buddies receiving a good response in its initial year. There is a large

enrolment of 1130 students with some timetable changes taking place in order to offer students a better range of subject choices and some extra learning support in Yr 9. There are also six new staff members this year. Construction is underway around the school with the toilet block refurbishment to be completed in late March. The Science block is also undergoing refurbishment and there will be some disruptions until completion in June. The Year 12 Induction Liturgy went off well and was a good start to the year. Looking at improving the sports centre with data projection equipment and quotes are currently being sought. The security system as was discussed last year is being reconsidered and may look at installing this more gradually over a period of time. Four electronic whiteboards have been installed and teachers are currently trialling them. P&F may be approached to assist with funding should the school look at expanding the number of whiteboards. It was asked of parents if they had viewed the My School website with mixed response. Although Shalom came out well it was hoped that this would not be used as a reason for choosing a school. Mr McMahon discussed the government's current proposal to integrate Year 7 into secondary schools in an attempt to bring us in line with southern states. There would be huge costs involved to set up the necessary infrastructure should the proposal go ahead.

Agenda Items:

- *Host School for Diocesan P&F Meeting*
Our nomination to act as host school for the first diocesan meeting of the year was accepted last year and this will take place on Saturday 20th March. Shalom has been asked to provide the venue for the meeting which will start with lunch followed by a tour of the school. The meeting will commence at 1.00pm followed by mass and dinner. Most costs will be covered by the Diocesan P&F however we would provide lunch and it was suggested that we might use Panache as the venue. Telephone facilities would need to be in order for teleconferencing. It was requested that we suggest an accommodation venue with restaurant for dinner. Two motels were suggested - Sugar Country Motor Inn and Bundaberg International Motel.
- *Kokoda Youth Program*
Program trains a group of young people for Kokoda Trek. While seen as a positive program it was agreed that the P&F was not in a position to fund outside endeavours. Would look at the possibility of offering a Sunday market BBQ should one become available.
- *Markets Sub-committee* – Geoff Ebert reported the following:
The Sunday markets were running fairly smoothly however looking for any interested parents to become involved in the market sub-committee. The yearly contract will be looked at again and a meeting scheduled after the AGM.
- *Education Sub-committee* – The P&F would endeavour to have guest speakers again this year and parent input was requested for suggested speakers and topics that were relevant to adolescents.

General Business:

It was suggested that a database be set up with parents email addresses to facilitate ease of distribution of information regarding events. Also the possibility of establishing graphical data representation of the market canteen figures to keep better track of profit and loss. It was mentioned that a bar coding and scanning system had been looked at to manage stock control but was seen to be too difficult to implement. It was felt that this level of detail was not necessary and simplified weekly/monthly figures graphs would suffice. Drew Speight moved that we look at getting quotes for establishing data graphs. All in favour.

There was unified parent concern regarding the increased traffic issues arising around drop off and pick up times. There was concern regarding the congestion at the roundabout and the issue of bus turning space on leaving the college grounds. It was noted that this was an ongoing issue which has been gradually getting worse however it was particularly bad at the start of the year. Parents were asked to offer any suggestions they had on how to better deal with the car park traffic.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9 March 2010 at 7.00pm AGM followed by General Meeting

Meeting Closed: 8.10pm