
Previous minutes read and moved for acceptance by Lani, seconded by Belinda Cox.

Business Arising: Lengthy discussion regarding reading previous minutes. Jeannette questioned the need for this, and in her opinion is not common practise, is time consuming and unnecessary. Rhonda felt it was a good way to refresh, and to bring up to speed others who may not have attended previous meetings. It was decided that entire minutes would not be read, an overview of subsections should suffice. An agenda should be put in place so that meetings run to plan, Lani queried whether items not placed on the agenda would be able to be mentioned, John assured the meeting that all suggestions and ideas put forward will be heard.

Jeannette advised she had received feedback that people who had come to one meeting had felt uncomfortable, that the room in which they are held is uninviting, and that they didn’t feel heard. Rhonda stated that we used to have meetings in the Staff room, and John said that if that made people feel more comfortable, he would be happy to hold them in there.

Quotes have been obtained for repainting the Kinder room. Sheldon $4500, Brad Glover $4000. Still awaiting quotes for blinds and new carpet.

The drain in front of the canteen is still under repair, Ivan Chapman to return when he gets a chance.

Canteen Committee: Helpers are still in short supply, Lani asked if anyone could cover a Friday that would be helpful as she has 3 out of 4 in each month. John will promote the need and the benefit of our canteen. Re advertise for volunteers for the Canteen Committee to support Monica. Rhonda & Lani will continue to help out until the positions are filled.

Fundraising Committee: Easter Raffle is well underway. Great number of donations, and tickets are starting to be returned. Tea Towels & Bags fundraiser is a possibility for term 4. Great way to involve the entire school, perhaps even the “Joey’s”. Maybe a secret santa at the end of year family barbeque, where that is the present for the Joeys.

Mother’s day stall is being arranged and will be held over two days.

Recipe book content has been received from the St Joseph’s Country Music members. Would be great to get the kids involved, to have some recipes that they could achieve. More thought on this one!

Trivia night - perhaps at the end of term 2. Discussion about having at a different venue than the school – opening up to the wider community. Perhaps the Pub or the Youth Hall?

Disco to be held in Term 2, along with our family Barbeque, dates to be confirmed with The Bell’s.

An “in house” movie night - kids in PJ’s perhaps early term 3. Belinda questioned copyright issues, John thought if entry was by donation it should be fine, but will look in to it.
Will set dates for the rest of the years fundraising activities and advise.

Bunnings barbeque – Fundraising committee to send the letter requesting a place on their roster.

**Principals Report:** Thank you for covering the cost of the Planet Rhythm visit. It was a great success, lots of talent was unleashed on the day.

There is a competitive streak amongst the children, and there seems to be a lot of “in your face” behaviour. A kids well being program be implemented, helping the kids to understand boundaries.

The increase in student numbers means that St Joseph’s is able to employ a teacher for 2 days in terms 2 & 3. This teacher should be working in conjunction with Cherie Verrall where Reading, writing and grammar will be the focus, perhaps with a program like Star Reading.

Assistant Director visited the school and was well impressed with the learning in our school.

Working Bee items are to be advertised in the newsletter.

Hannah – Day Care Mum opposite the school and her husband have approached the school about “in Venue” care. This would offer an afterschool care opportunity for St Joseph’s students only. They asked about using the P & F storeroom as a “wet” alternative. Canteen Committee uses this room to store dry goods, and the large fridge & freezer. The care workers would have to supply alternative storage space and suggested sheds. This would be impossible for food items. Belinda Cox noted the amount of times she has interrupted would be thieves trying to access the sheds at the public school. Rhonda questioned who would be responsible for cleaning and locking up at 6pm when the last child is collected. Shandell asked how it would be decided who gets a care place. There is still much information to be gathered and discussed before any decision can be made. John is still waiting for information on current legislation. To be discussed further.

The number of Friday masses has been reduced this year, with the implementation of more Sunday family masses. This seems to be going well, and allows the children more class time.

**Treasurers Report:** See attached. Audit process has begun.

**General Business:** Jeannette suggested a family barbeque to be held for lunch after mass. This could be a nice way to encourage the parish and the school to come together. It was decided that we will try it at some point during the year. This term has been extremely busy, so probably best to hold it in term 2 or 3.

Monica raised the issue of the kids sitting on the cold cement during outdoor times, lines etc. John stated they are trying to limit the length of the morning assemblies to ensure that the children are getting the most out of the best learning times. Discussion re mats etc storage and WHS followed and John suggested these short assemblies could be held in one of the rooms.

Lani asked if we could make a decision on the divider between the toilets and the sandpit. Quotes have been obtained for readymade panels, price to be obtained on a make it ourselves version

Meeting closed 7.50pm

Next meeting 2 May 2013 6pm.