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CARMEL COLLEGE P & F ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

6 March 2019

Present: Mr Stephen Adair, Bernadette Systa, Megan Eskdale, Alfina Miller, Peter Callil, Nicole Fiteni, Ben Cribb, Michelle Watt, Janine Shailer.

Apologies: Melanie Meredith

Welcome and Opening of AGM: Bernadette Systa. AGM opened at 6:35 pm.

Opening Prayer: Stephen Adair

Minutes of last AGM:

Motion: Minutes for Annual General Meeting held 7th March 2018 are true and correct.

Moved: Alfina Miller Seconded: Ben Cribb

Business Arising: Nil.

Presidents Report:

As yet another action packed year draws to a close, it is a great opportunity to stop and reflect on the year that's past and celebrate the many achievements of the college and in particular the P&F.

This year, Carmel College welcomed our new principal Mr Stephen Adair to our college community. Under the guidance and leadership of Stephen, the P&F continued to work in partnership with teaching and support staff to ensure a positive and supportive learning environment for our students. It is a well known fact that when families and schools work together, our students are more likely to build good relationships and do better at school.

The P&F would like to thank all the wonderful teaching and support staff at Carmel College who work tirelessly to help, inspire and empower our students reach their best potential. We were delighted to be able to show our appreciation in a genuine and practical way by providing a special lunch to celebrate World Teachers Day.

I have been both fortunate and privileged to be able to work alongside such committed parents and carers and would like to thank the P&F executive committee Megan Eskdale (Vice President), Alfina Miller (Treasurer) and Melanie Meredith (Secretary) for their dedication, enthusiasm and hard work which has helped the P&F run so efficiently. Your willingness to give up your own time to help foster a positive partnership with the college is greatly appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank our former secretary Cathy Dillon for her contribution to the P&F over the last few years and for her efforts in



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streamlining the role for our future office bearers. Your guidance and dedication is also greatly appreciated.

I would especially like to thank all the wonderful parents who attend regularly and provide a valuable contribution to our quarterly meetings. By taking an interest and showing our children that education is important, you have helped shape and promote positive learning and well-being outcomes for all students.

This year the P&F continued to provide financial support to a number of students participating in sport at state and national level. The P&F was again happy to sponsor the Carmel netball team at the annual QISSN competition held in Brisbane. In 2017, Carmel College entered a girls team for the first time in the Queensland All Schools Hockey tournament held in Toowoomba. This year we were very excited to support and sponsor both a girls and a boy's team in the 2018 All Schools Hockey tournament. It gives us great pleasure to support such a committed and enthusiastic group of students who continue to represent the college so eagerly.

This year the P&F also made a considerable contribution to the College's immersion to Samoa. This immersion is a valuable life-changing experience for our students and the P&F was honoured to be able to make a financial contribution to such a memorable and worthwhile cause.

One of the most significant achievements of the P&F in 2018 was the establishment of the Care and Concern assistance program. The Care and Concern committee aims to show the love of Jesus in a real and practical way by helping families in our school community during difficult times such as illness, trauma or other family crisis. This assistance will help support families when it is most needed and the P&F is proud to be part of such a worthy program. This would not have been possible were it not for the thoughtful and generous nature of Trish Arnold who has a heart of gold and who is extremely committed to making life easier for those most in need. She never ceases to see a need without trying to do something about it. Thank you Trish for your never ending dedication to help others.

Finally, the P&F congratulate our 2018 year 12 graduating students. As you complete your schooling and move on to the next stage of your lives, we trust your time with Carmel College has been filled with lots of personal achievements and memorable moments, that will stay with you for many years to come. While the future will hold many challenges and successes for each of you, we hope your time at Carmel has built a solid foundation that will lead you in a positive direction for the future. Be kind and gracious to those whom you meet on your journey and don't be afraid to continue to 'Let your light shine'.

Bernadette Systa, President, Carmel College P&F



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Principal:

Stephen Adair thanked Bernie for her report and declared all committee positions to be vacant.

Election of Office Bearers:

- President** Bernadette Systa was nominated by Ben Cribb and Seconded by Nicole Fiteni. Bernie accepted.
- Vice President** Peter Callil nominated and Megan Eskdale was nominated by Bernie and Seconded by Alfina. Megan accepted.
- Secretary** Melanie Meredith was nominated by Bernie and Seconded by Megan. Bernie accepted on Melanie's behalf.
- Treasurer** Alfina Miller was nominated by Bernie and Seconded by Ben Cribb. Alfina accepted.

Appointment of Delegate to the Archdiocesan P & F Council

Peter spoke about how the Archdiocesan P & F meetings were run similarly to ours but on a larger scale with higher level people and he hoped that attendance would be of benefit in the future. Some of their presentations were considered interesting and the upcoming AGM and parent evening on the 28th March at Carina with guest speaker Br Damien Price was discussed. A copy of the invitation was provided at the meeting and emailed by Peter prior.

Alfina advised that as it will be her final year as a parent at the College ideally a replacement for the position of Treasurer should be sought during the year while she is present to prepare the 2020 office bearer for the position. All agreed.

A notification of all elected will be sent to the Diocesan Council in writing with 30 days of this AGM.

Next AGM Meeting Date:

Term 1 2020 with a date to be advised once the College calendar is finalised.

Meeting Closed: 6:55 pm