

**Xavier College Parents & Friends**  
**General Meeting – Draft Minutes**  
(Subject to acceptance at next General Meeting)  
**1<sup>st</sup> May 2012**

**Meeting Opened:** 7.10pm

**Attendance and Apologies:** See attendance book

**Opening Prayer:** Read by John Ley

**Previous Minutes:** Accepted: Margaret Dine  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Rod Pringle

**Business arising from previous minutes:** Discussion regarding Xavier banner located in Penrith Plaza. Banner has been moved near Apple store. Banner has generated a lot of phone calls for new students. It has been effective in bringing in new people from non-feeder schools in the area.

**Correspondence in/out:**

- DDF (Diocesan Development Fund) letter encouraging deposits to DDF accounts
- DDF statement for March

**Principal's/Vice Principal's (Pastoral) Report:** John Ley

- Discussed how small screen televisions in LC and G Block have been used for notices, updates and other communication for students. (i.e.: house points, donation tallies.)
- Using the house groups and points systems has made a huge difference in school spirit in all areas, including community support. Project Compassion has raised over \$3,000.00 so far.
- Looking at a new award system for the students. Some ideas considered are "Hundred Club" for 100 points earned, "Two Hundred Club" for 200 points etc. Every point individual students earn for their houses would be included and an award would be given for reaching the nominated amount.
- The new furniture is in the Mary MacKillop Centre. The furniture is working well for different layouts for exams or study areas within the centre.
- Information night for potential Year 7 students of 2013 was amazing. There were 600 chairs out, and there were still people standing. Level of interest was high and application numbers will already exceed number of students we are able to accept at the school. Will be speaking with the Diocese to see if Xavier can increase numbers for Year 7 acceptances for 2013.
- Staff looked at expanding the Y10 to Y11 information process. Each department will give a 25-30 minute talk, as well as representatives from the Board of Studies to help students make informed choices for their electives. Peter Moore will organise talks with career markets and TAFE.

- Discussion rose regarding McCarthy trade school. Many parents were unaware that Xavier has a 1/3 financial share in the trade school and it is beneficial for some of the Xavier students to continue their senior education within the trade school.
- Question was raised as to whether female students are able to wear slacks/pants. The problem previously has been that they are seen as a fashion item, and it is hard to find one style to suit all body shapes. It becomes an issue when girls don't like the style and buy different. Female students are able to wear thicker, opaque stockings that last longer.
- "Back to the 80s" musical to be held over a few nights, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of May. A matinee show will be on the Friday. Correspondence for dates coming out shortly.

**President's Report:** Presented by Tracy Newman (Karen McGann absent)

- Question was raised about how P&F can directly support the students. Nothing to do as yet, however there should be something for next meeting.
- P&F discussed making a donation for the school musical. Unanimous decision vote from all present to make a donation for the musical. Will hold an executive meeting to determine amount to donate.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lorrae Green

- Closing balance as of 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 - \$7,810.41. No change for the month.
- See attached statement

**General Business:**

- Some suggestions given for the proposed "100 Club" and "200 Club". Front of canteen or bus line passes were suggestions offered.
- Question asked as to why school uniform cost is high when items are "Made in China". Informed that the school only makes a very small amount on uniform sales. John Ley to look into cost and if it would be feasible to reduce uniform cost.
- Question was raised as to why seniors don't use the school's backpack. The school backpack is ergonomically designed to reduce the strain of carrying the heavy books. Now that Y10, Y11 and Y12 use different backpacks, half the school are carrying different bags. The reason for this is having the different bag is a senior privilege. The senior students have been conforming to the rule of a predominantly black backpack.
- Question was raised regarding different requirements for books sizes and types. Book sizes are a recommended size only. Book lists given to students are to cover a 12 month period. Different page numbers can be purchased to be used.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Next meeting - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2012