

Parramatta Marist Old Boys Union

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Parramatta Marist Old Boys was held in the Boardroom at Parramatta Marist, Westmead at 7:40pm, Monday 26 February 2018.

Present

Mark Pauschmann (Principal), Adam Hendry (1994), Stefan Procajlo (1974), Mark Procajlo (1976), John Flynn (1965), John Burke (1975), Ryan Pigram (2009), Peter Bowd (1984), Adrian Dolahenty (1986), Peter Boutros (1987)

Apologies

Greg Corr (1964), John Peters (1964), John Lahoud (2011), Tony Lahoud (2015), Brad Murphy (2015), Trent Atkins (1994), Mark Currie (1982), Toby Nasr (1992), Jacob Boutros (2016), Corey Fisher (2016)

Minutes of the AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 20 February 2017 were adopted.

Business Arising from the AGM

Nil

Correspondence

Mark Procajlo reported on various email communications on 20 June 2017 between all committee members regarding Br Patrick Howlett's retirement and the subsequent decision of those members to give Br Patrick a monetary gift of \$4,000 in recognition of his contributions to both the school and the OBU whilst he was principal.

Matters Arising out of the Correspondence

Nil

President's Report

Adam Hendry formally welcomed Mark Pauschmann to his first OBU meeting and indicated that he would circulate a written report in due course. In the meantime, he thanked Br Patrick and committee members for their respective contributions. He indicated that, as the number of Marist Brothers decline, the Old Boys are likely to play a more significant role in the school. There had been a number of Old Boys attend the school as guests last year and Barry McLeary (1967) was hoping to contribute \$250,000 over 5 years to Parramatta Marist Old Boys' Union Scholarship Fund Inc. There were also some significant milestones to celebrate including the school's bicentenary in 2020 and the outlook was positive.

Treasurer's Report

Stefan Procajlo tabled the treasurer's report (copy attached) for the year ending 31 December 2017, indicating a healthy bank balance of \$27,988 as at that date and that 110 had attended the Annual Reunion Dinner. Stefan mentioned that the results of the auction and raffle as well as a donation of \$1,000 from Parramatta Leagues Club had contributed to our net operating surplus of \$5,623, noting that we regularly aim for a surplus in excess of \$4,000 being our annual commitment to the Br Coman Scholarship. Stefan also mentioned the contribution made by the Old Boys to the Marcellin Statue. During the meeting, Stefan handed to Adam a cheque for \$4,000 for the 2018 Br Coman Scholarships

It was noted that Adam, Stefan and John Flynn are the only signatories to our CBA accounts.

Election of Office Bearers

Mark Pauschmann acted as returning officer. The following persons were nominated and elected unopposed:

President:	Adam Hendry
Vice Presidents:	Peter Bowd and Mark Currie
Secretary:	Mark Procajlo
Treasurer:	Stefan Procajlo
General Committee:	John Flynn, John Burke, Adrian Dolahenty, Greg Corr, John Peters, Trent Atkins, Toby Nasr, Ryan Pigram, Tony Lahoud, Brad Murphy, John Lahoud, Peter Boutros, Jacob Boutros, Corey Fisher

Br Coman Scholarship

Adam reported that:

- In the past, the scholarship exams for Year 6 students were conducted in or about June by Bob Orwell, but there was now a General Admission Test (**GAT**) held in November of each year to determine, among other things, the successful Year 7 candidate for the Br Coman Scholarship as well as entry to the school (because out of about 400 applications made for Year 7 only 180 places were available)
- Whilst the scholarship is awarded based on academic results and is only available to the successful Year 7 candidate who enrolls at the school, any candidate who wishes to be considered for the scholarship is required to pay a fee not exceeding \$50 to cover administration costs in marking and ranking that candidate's test results against those of all other applicants.
- He would be consulting Mark Pauschmann about the successful candidate for the 2018 Br Coman Scholarship and would advise details of that candidate in due course.
- Anthony Kroeger, who was from St Patricks Guildford and who was the successful candidate for the 2012 Br Coman Scholarship, was dux of the school in 2017.

Whilst it was noted that the Scholarship involved a commitment by the Old Boys to make a payment of \$1,000 per year over a period of 4 years to assist a candidate with his secondary education from Year 7 to Year 10 inclusive, there was a general discussion about extending the term of the scholarship to Year 12 and about the best source of funding going forward.

RESOLVED THAT on and from 2019 the scholarship should be for 6 years from Year 7 to Year 12 and that future scholarships should be funded out of the Parramatta Marist Old Boys' Union Scholarship Fund Inc.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.15pm and was immediately followed by the first ordinary meeting for 2018.