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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Parramatta Marist Old Boys was held in the Learning Centre at Parramatta Marist, Westmead at 6.50pm, Monday 29 March 2021.

Present (in person or on zoom)

Mark Pauschmann (Principal), Adam Hendry (1994), Mark Procajlo (1976), John Flynn (1965), Greg Corr (1964), John Burke (1975), Adrian Dolahenty (1986), Peter Boutros (1987), Jacob Boutros (2016), Mark Currie (1982), Brad Murphy (2015), Tony Lahoud (2015), John Peters (1964)

Apologies

Stefan Procajlo (1974), Ryan Pigram (2009), Peter Bowd (1984), John Lahoud (2011), Toby Nasr (1992), Corey Fisher (2016),

Minutes of the AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 24 February 2020 were adopted.

Business Arising from the AGM

Nil

Correspondence

Nil

Matters Arising out of the Correspondence

Nil

President's Report

Adam Hendry thanked Mark Pauschmann for his leadership at PMH and his support of the OBU. Mark also thanked Brad Murphy for his work relating to the memorabilia, which resulted in PMH engaging Brad directly as an archivist for the purpose of digitising memorabilia for PMH.

Adam mentioned that, even though there were disruptions arising from the global pandemic caused by COVID-19, the last 12 months had been business as usual, with PMH celebrating its best HSC results to date (being the culmination of a lot of hard work by both the teachers and students).

The year was also tinged with sadness with the passing of Cathy Fury and Marshall McMahon who were part of the PMH staff. Adam also mentioned that a "soft launch" of PMH's bicentenary had been proposed for 22 July 2021, with Mark Pauschmann adding that the Governor of NSW, Margaret Beazley, had been invited to attend PMH on this date.

At the invitation of Adam and Mark Pauschmann, Brad Murphy reported on developments arising out of his internship with the Marist Brothers and the UN in Geneva. In light of there being a universal periodic review every 5 years of each country's human rights record (which review is carried out by other countries), a project was initiated with Year 12 students which involved them communicating with 12 other embassies based in Geneva about topical issues, including domestic violence. This has led to a proposed meeting with Federal Government officials about raising awareness, which meeting has yet to take place.

Adam closed his report by stating that, whilst it was disappointing PMH was unable to celebrate its bicentenary last year (which had been planned for 30/10/2020 to coincide with Old Boys' Annual Dinner), a function is being proposed for 22/10/2021 to be held at the Morley Centre.

Treasurer's Report

Mark Procajlo tabled the treasurer's report (copy attached) for the year ending 31 December 2020, indicating an operating surplus of \$115 last year. Due to COVID-19, no funds of significance were raised in 2020, but appropriations, including archiving expenses, amounted to \$4,500, which resulted in a closing balance of funds in the sum of \$13,597.

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. Before nominations, Mark took the opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for its support of the School.

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, Toby Nasr, Ryan Pigram, Tony Lahoud, Brad Murphy, John Lahoud, Peter Boutros, Jacob Boutros, Corey Fisher

Br Coman Scholarship

Adam reported / noted that:

- No Br Coman Scholarship has been awarded since 2018.
- It had previously been resolved that, on and from 2019, the Scholarship will be for 6 years from Year 7 to Year 12 and will be funded out of Parramatta Marist Old Boys' Union Scholarship Fund Inc. (**the Fund**).

- Potential conflicts of interest (arising out of Adam being Assistant Principal at PMH and President of OBU) had arisen in 2019 and even though such conflicts were resolved, no scholarship was awarded in 2019. By reason of various disruptions caused by COVID-19 last year, no scholarship was awarded in 2020.
- To date, Barry McLeary has donated a total of \$150,000 to the Fund.
- The Committee of the Fund would make contact with Barry McLeary about the scholarship for 2021.

It was also noted that the Scholarship Award Committee would include Brad Murphy, Mark Pauschmann and Mark's nominee selected from the teaching staff.

Close

The meeting closed at 7.10pm and was immediately followed by the first ordinary meeting for 2021.