



GENAZZANO
ALUMNAE

Annual General Meeting 2017 Minutes

Genazzano Alumnae Association Inc.

Thursday 25 May 2017 at 7.00pm

Meeting Open: 7:12pm

Attendees: Catherine ETTY-Leal, Sarah Cass, Amanda Presta, Michelle Peric, Lucy Cohen, Shevaun Van-Hoff.

Apologies: Claire Walpole, Sophie McGrath, Melina Abbey, Sr Maryrose Dennehy fcj, Sr Denise Mulcahy fcj, Karen Jebb, Concetta Roberts, Cathy Gilbert, Claire O'Callaghan, Cathy Gilbert, Sue Greenham, Catriona Pickett, Robyn Nevin,

Welcome and Prayer

Conducted by Catherine ETTY-Leal.

Acceptance of 2016 Minutes

Minutes accepted by Sarah Cass and Amanda Presta.

President's Report

Shared by Association President, Catherine ETTY-Leal.

Scholarships - The funds of the Association are currently supporting two students who are the recipients of a boarding and tuition scholarship. Although the students remain anonymous to the Committee, it is understood that they are progressing well in their studies and their life within the Genazzano community.

The year included the following activities:

- The Genazzano Day Mass and Luncheon;
- The GLS breakfast hosted by Loreto, with the Genazzano representative speaker reflecting on her role as an indigenous mentor;
- The annual Memorial Mass;
- The Alumnae Playgroup held in the Grange Hill hall (at full capacity); and
- The Outstanding Alumnae evening.

We welcome back Amanda Presta from maternity leave and we welcome Lucy Cohen to the development office. We farewell Linda Sprott and Sharyn Hanly from the development office.

We thank Karen Jebb, principal of the College, and Sr Maryrose fej who have provided great support for the Association.

Treasurer's Report

Shared by Association Treasurer, Sarah Cass.

In an era of low interest rates, we rely on life membership revenue to fund our expenses including scholarships, social events, gifts and donations, playgroup and administration.

Life membership revenue remains our largest source of income (\$48,900). Our main expenses are our scholarships (\$28,600). The main difference in activities for the past year is the funding for the playgroup at Grange Hill (\$6,241). For the first time in a number of years, it is noted that expenses exceed income by \$6,000.

We acknowledge the incredible support provided by the College to the Association in the form of finance administration and development office staff assisting with administration of Association activities.

The Association intends to refresh its strategy in alignment with the College strategy to identify sustainable sources of revenue generation.

Resolution: Financial Statements were accepted.

Alumnae Relations Manager's Report

Shared by Director of Development, Lucy Cohen.

Reunions: During 2016, a total of 10 reunions were held. College tours were offered prior to milestone gatherings or on request. A total of 440 Alumnae attended a Genazzano reunion in 2016.

Outstanding Alumnae Awards Evening: Award recipient was Jane Kennedy (1982) – honoured for her outstanding dedication and commitment to the film and television industry. Held in the Madeleine Centre on 10 August, attended by almost 300 past and present students and their families.

GLS Breakfast: 14th Annual GLS Breakfast held in the MCC Member's Dining Room with over 300 attendees. Three speakers were Monique Van den Boom (Genazzano), Director and Senior Prosthetist at Pro Motion Prosthetics; Dee Madigan (Loreto) and Libby Lyons (Sacre Coeur). It has been decided to rest the GLS Breakfast in 2017.

2017 Alumnae Golf Day: Cathy Gilbert organised the golf day at Greenacres Golf Club on 15 May 2017. Winner was Jane Gorman. Cathy Gilbert will prepare a report for Gen-narrations.

2017 Genazzano Day Mass and Luncheon: Held on 30 April, attended by over 100 alumnae. Mass was said by Father Peter Malone. Lucy Cohen was introduced as the new Director of Development at the luncheon.

2016 Alumnae Memorial Mass: Held on 6 November 2016 with over 100 members of the College community in attendance. Mass was said by Father Peter Malone.

A number of communications initiatives and special projects have been developed and initiated during 2016 such as Gen-narrations published as an e-book version of the magazine and 'Stay Connected' eNews. The Alumnae Playgroup is a fantastic success in terms of engaging alumnae. The Database cleansing project continues in order to update alumnae contact details. Social Media initiatives are being developed to promote the Genazzano Alumnae.

Election of Office Bearers and General Committee

Nominations: President – Catherine ETTY-Leal; Secretary – Melina Abbey; Treasurer – Sarah Cass; General Office Bearers – Sophie McGrath & Claire Walpole.

Resolution: Nominations were accepted.

Special Business – Constitution Amendments

The Alumnae Association Committee was approached by the College Business Manager, Business Development Manager and Alumnae Association Manager in May 2016 with a proposal to review the constitution. This was prompted by the recently revised GMA Constitution to a more contemporary format, which received positive feedback from all stakeholders.

Close

Meeting closed at 7:38pm.