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**Minutes of Special General Meeting held at 23 St Georges Road, Penshurst  
Thursday 7 June 2018**

**Present:** Mia Kokkoris, Margaret Conlon, Debbie Bourke, Gilbert Sant, Leonie Graves, Jan Beattie, Cathie Hammond, Julie Tsopel, Tracey Clifford, Jane Cochran, Peter Addison, Paul Bourke, Marnie Morris, Chris McGuigan, Maree Gunn, Ann Borg, Santa Dunne, Celinda Wai, Roslyn Norris, Niki Anagnostou, Inge Gardner, Louise Robinson, Angela Ferrone

**Apologies:**

**Chair:** Mia Kokkoris

**Minutes:** Margaret Conlon

Mia opened the meeting at 5.35 pm and thanked all attendees for coming to this meeting called to address the concerns re accuracy of minutes. Regarding issues of the grants and the monies used at the Centre, Mia emphasised, 'she always acted in good faith and had the community at heart'. She reminded the meeting with regards to meeting etiquette and time limits as per minutes of meeting 8 February 2018.

Tracey said that the minutes should state where held, date and time, who chaired the meeting and the minute taker. It was moved by Debbie Bourke, seconded by Mia Kokkoris. All agreed so this practise will be followed for future meetings.

Next, Tracey Clifford asked about the disbursement of grant monies from Georges River Council in September 2017 of \$9590 and December 2016 of \$46590, why no further quotes were obtained other than those put forth by Kokkoris Pty Ltd trading as Crafty Kabinets, to which the minutes stated that Gilbert reported no other quotes were required. It was done in haste due to the tight dateline of the application.

According to Tracey, this was not a true and accurate account as she thought that the discussion led to the belief that no further quotes were considered necessary as follows.

'There was discussion of the grant procedure for the grant of approximately \$46590, but not for the grant of \$9590. Regarding the question asked, the President answered that there were no further quotes as the Executive Committee did not believe they were necessary. The belief was that the quote written in both grant applications gave the committee the mandate to give the work on both occasions to Kokkoris Pty Ltd, trading as Crafty Kabinets.

Mia disagreed.

Suggested motion by Mia stated: "With no policy or guideline in place there was no precedent for 3 quotes, it was the whole committee in charge at this point, who were transitioning into the job. Not just Mia. Advice could be considered having come from the most experienced member of the committee present at the time, the former President and at this stage Vice President, Gilbert Sant. When asked these questions Gilbert stated: "No other quotes were required from Council. Everything was done in haste due to the tight deadline of application." "Why were there no other quotes obtained after the application was successful?" Gilbert stated: "We didn't think it was necessary." Seconded by Debbie Bourke.

A motion to keep the minutes as recorded on 8 February 2018 was moved by Maria Kokkoris, seconded Debbie Bourke. Voting went ahead and the motion was passed.

Concerns were raised on the voting process that the vote would not be fair as there were a large number of members present who were not in attendance at the meeting of 8 February (more members who did not attend that meeting than those who did). Debbie moved to adjourn the meeting for another time due to the voting process. Debbie made reference to "Roberts Rules of Order". Anne-Marie Wiles from Council advised Gilbert to contact the Community Justice Service and have a mediator involved if this matter could not be resolved at the meeting. Paul Bourke supported the idea that a mediator is necessary.

There was discussion concerning the minutes with a number of ideas raised. Tracey stated that minutes are suppose to be a recording of what actually happened at the meeting. It doesn't matter if someone is right or if somebody is wrong, the minutes is to record what was stated at the meeting.

Chris McGuigan suggested that it was clear that all present wanted to move forward and not be a part of factions. She stated that she wanted to be a part of a group of people who love their arts and craft and who worked together in a place that flourishes. She recognised that there are Committees that work and want to contribute to the Centre. She believed that all present believed in the Centre and wished for it to be the great art community that it has always been.

Chris recapped on the motions agreed by all.

1<sup>st</sup> motion the minute taking details.

2<sup>nd</sup> motion any money disbursed requires 3 quotes.

Chris McGuigan's suggested motion: We know the other points in dispute and the minutes of this meeting record that there are irreconcilable differences in the minutes from 8 February, 2018 but all parties accept that it's almost impossible to arrive at one truth. For the sake of harmony and the spirit of goodwill at the Centre it is time to put these aside and move on. She moved that in future, to adopt every policy protocol that is best practice. All in the meeting unanimously agreed, voted and passed.

This meeting was recorded and it was proposed and agreed that future meetings be recorded.

Meeting closed at 5.55 pm