



Maidstone Grammar School Parents' Association

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**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 @ 7.30PM**

Present: Sarah Hudson (Chair), Roger Berry (Treasurer), Wendy Papagno (Secretary), Caroline May (Vice-Chair), Steve Bachelor, Michael Hall, Paul Tassell, Julie Griggs, Charlotte McClymont, Jennie Creasey, Mark Tomkins, Pauline Coppard, Irene Santineer, Jacqueline Bell, Sherry Scott, Geoff Coomes, Heather Livistow, Helen Kelly and Joanna Jackson

Apologies: Emma Foreman

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Minutes of the last meeting (Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018)

All agreed that the Minutes of the last meeting were a correct and true account. The furniture had been delivered for the common room.

Treasurer's Report

No outstanding cheques – all cashed.

Just under £16K gross. Commitments reflected, Ernest Cook Trust £1,500 received to go towards Library project. Money to pay to the Bursary. Just under £4K net available after paying £10K to Pavilion project, settled common room furniture, Arts Chest, Speech Day prizes and fireworks.

Mark confirmed he had not received any further bids at present.

Headmasters Report

Nothing to report other than the furniture for the 6<sup>th</sup> Form common room had been well received and he thanked the committee.

Golf Day – Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

A Parentmail had gone to new parents on Friday about this event. So far there were 28 people signed up. Sarah had quite a few prizes to include a meal for 2, a golf day and equipment.

Year 7 Welcome Evening – Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October

This was an event for Year 7 parents with a BBQ taking place from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Steve would man the BBQ and Jenni, Pauline, Caroline, Sarah and Paul had offered to help.

Year 6 Open Evening- Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October

This evening takes place from 4.00pm to 8.00pm. We serve teas and coffees from the refectory. Pauline, Caroline, Sarah, Heather and Charlotte offered to help.

## Fireworks Evening – Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November

The fireworks had been bought and paid for. All catering vans have been booked and accounted for. Portaloos have also been arranged. Mote Park have been liaised with regarding car parking. Paul to arrange to purchase glow sticks.

Paul mentioned that there was training for Firework Firing on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September if anyone was interested. Karen had agreed to run as Chief Controller on the night and as many people as possible would be required to help.

## Joint Barn Dance with MGGS

The proposed date for this was 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019 – this was the original date of the quiz night but it was suggested this was moved to 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Spring Fair would take place on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## AOB

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform shop on 1<sup>st</sup> September had raised £450
- Green token scheme – we have been chosen again by ASDA at Kings Hill for May/June and July 2019.
- Easyfundraising – this was up to £5,620.20.
- 100 Club – 70 odd people were signed up. There are some leavers this month but hopefully they would renew and year 7 parents would join up. The net profit last year was £1,100.
- Recycling clothing/toners – this was monthly money and was ticking along. We were awaiting a container to be made by Michael to start collecting old currency no longer in circulation/old foreign coins.

Parent Survey - Paul discussed our idea of putting out an email asking what events people would like. This followed our last two events having been cancelled due to low numbers of interest. They would carry on working on the questionnaire for now. There was then a discussion around Survey Monkey. The school may have an account we could use.

Bruges – Paul confirmed that the crossings have been booked for two coaches.

Julie reminded everyone that it was also textiles and shoes as well as clothing that could be put in the recycling bank.

Pauline discussed her wreath making event to inform the new members about it. This takes place on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and has always been a well attended event with the same people coming back each year. She had already received enquiries. The cost would remain at £25. She would need some help nearer the time collecting with materials.

Sarah informed everyone she had received £100 from WHSmith Community grants.

Ticketing – Online event payment scheme – Sarah discussed a company she had received information from. Mark was concerned it was GDPR compliant and has the right policies and due diligence in place. There is no cost to us but the user pays ½% handling fee. Paul suggested we make a donation to the school towards Parentpay and then use this for people to pay for events.

## Date of next Meeting and AGM

This would be held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6.45pm with the meeting starting at 7.30pm.