



Maidstone Grammar School Parents' Association

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 3RD JULY 2017 @ 7.30PM

Present: Sarah Hudson (Chairman), Roger Berry (Treasurer), Wendy Papagno (Secretary), Steve Batchelor, Paul Tassell, Michael Hall, Julie Griggs and Pauline Coppard

Apologies: Mark Tomkins (Headmaster), Caroline May (Vice-Chairman), Karen Shaw, Emma Foreman, Clare Attridge, Irene Santineer

Minutes of the last meeting (Monday, 12th June 2017)

All agreed that the Minutes of the last meeting were a correct and true account.

Treasurer's Report

Roger ran through his report and there was discussion around the Verticality bid. The PA had originally agreed £3,000 and yet around £3,300 had already been spent. After discussion, a vote was taken and the majority agreed that we would stick with the original agreed sum and leave the school to pay the balance.

Everyone had agreed to the Pavilion Project. Agreed to pay £10,000 a year for three years, however, an initial provision of £15,000 would be paid while we have the money leaving us £7,500 to find each year for the next two years.

Sarah then handed Roger the following envelopes:

£17.70 for Fantastic Mr Fox refreshments. Agreed that this was a waste of time. A 40 minute production with no interval meant there wasn't really an opportunity for people to buy drinks.

£47.50 for the Fathers Day shop. There was still plenty of items left to be sold next year!

£238.00 from the last two days of the second hand uniform shop at House teas afternoons. With the other money from the first two days there was a profit of around £500.

Feedback from ABBA Tribute Night

Everyone agreed that this was a great night. The feedback on the night was excellent and Sarah read out a couple of Facebook comments and an email she had received. Pauline said thank you to the PA and their partners and children who had helped on the night. Profits of approx.. £1350. There was then a discussion about the missing microphone clips and Michael's dare devil antics to retrieve them from the balcony.

Upcoming Events

Big Band Night – Friday, 7th July: nobody present was able to help at this event but Sarah said she would ask others.

Year 6 Induction afternoon – Thursday, 13th July: Sarah, Caroline, Wendy, Steph, Jane and Pauline were helping at this event. The second hand uniform would be sold from the gym and Sarah was keen to get as many people signed up for the Easy Fundraising.

Fireworks – Saturday, 4th November: Fireworks to be bought soon. Paul to talk to two companies and get the best price. Sarah had already got a pizza and fish and chip van to pay £150 for their pitch and the big burger stall from last year had agreed to pay £275 for their stall and the small doughnut and candy floss one. The Gourmet grill from Canterbury also wanted to come back but hadn't paid as yet.

Sarah wanted to open the gate earlier so that people could eat before the fireworks. She then proposed having mini funfair rides to occupy people. These would pay a nominal fee for their pitch. Roger said he wasn't happy with this from a risk assessment point of view. He also thought we couldn't open much earlier anyway. After discussion it was agreed that we wouldn't go for the funfair rides. Paul reported that Simon Miller were interested in putting their boards up advertising the fireworks. They would pay an amount per board.

Theatre Trip – Wednesday, 8th November: This was all sorted. Sarah asked Roger if he could let her know what amounts he had received from her for this so that she could calculate how much was still outstanding.

Bruges Trip – Saturday, 9th December: One coach had been booked. Paul had spoken to Mark about whether we will have a school coach next year. It is possible to take two drivers for a longer day. The cost wouldn't be any more than last year - £1450 a coach. Sarah to start marketing it in September.

Future Events

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| October 2017 | - | Race Night, discussion about using the guy from Chatham and having someone responsible for running it. Clare to enquire. |
| November 2017 | - | Fireworks. |
| December 2017 | - | Bruges and Wreath-making |
| February 2018 | - | Quiz Night |
| March 2018 | - | Darts Night booked for Friday, 9 th March 2018. |
| May/June 2018 | - | Tribute Night - Michael Buble/Robbie Williams or Adele (£350) to be arranged |

Other Fundraising

Toners: The three boxes of toners Sarah had collected from the school had generated £82.

100 Club: people who needed to renew their number had been contacted.

Easy Fundraising: 329 people were on Easy Fundraising and £4446.60 had been raised to date.

Green Tokens: the MGSPA was currently one of the green token options at ASDA Kings Hill for the months of July/Aug/Sept. Sarah had put up a Facebook post that people had shared.

Parentmail re Strictly Dance Night

There was discussion around the recent Parentmail that had been sent out regarding this event and how it was advertised on the school Parentmail system as it was nothing to do with the school. It is an outside charity and is not raising money for the school. Every time this happens it affects our fundraising events. This charity has a link to one of the Governors of the school. Sarah had emailed Mark and we will await his response.

AOB

Michael wanted to say thanks on behalf of the teachers at the school for all the work done by the MGSPA over the last year. In return everyone thanked Michael for his help too representing the staff and it was hoped that we could get some more staff to support us in September. Michael said there was a lot of new blood and so hopefully this would happen.

Date of Next Meetings

The first meeting back of the new academic year will be Monday, 11th September 2017.

The AGM will be held on Monday, 16th October 2017.