



Maidstone Grammar School Parents' Association

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MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY 2018 @ 7.30PM

Present: Sarah Hudson (Chairman), Roger Berry (Treasurer), Wendy Papagno (Secretary), Mark Tomkins, Clare Attridge, Steve Bachelor, Pauline Coppard, Michael Hall, Paul Tassell, Emma Foreman, Julie Griggs, Charlotte McClymont, Irene Santineer, Krystian Szwedziuk (School Captain) and Lex Delamere-Ayling (School Vice-Captain)

Apologies: Caroline May (Vice-Chairman), Jennie Creasy and Karen Shaw

Minutes of the last meeting (Monday, 8th January 2018)

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

Treasurer's Report

Roger ran through the report. There were 4 cheques outstanding. We have £37,894.02 (gross) available. The Pavilion reserve had been increased to £20,000 as agreed, balances for the Darts Night and Viva Las Vegas night were due and after the agreed Performing Arts bid and the PE bid the balance was £11,114.02 (net).

Roger had been to the bank to try and open the other account but had been told this was something that couldn't be done in the branch but online or in writing.

Feedback from Quiz Night

This was a great evening and, as in previous years, was very popular and a huge success. Sarah said she had forgotten the prizes but those present agreed it did not affect the night and she shouldn't worry about it, she was left responsible for too much and there was a need to share more responsibility in future.

Upcoming Events

Darts Evening – Friday, 9th March: Ticket sales were slow but the event has been shared and will also go in the KM with a note to contact Sarah if interested. Morrisons were providing the food again free of charge as they did for the snooker night. Michael, Emma, Paul, Steve and Pauline indicated they were available to help on this night.

Spring Fair – Saturday, 17th March with Guinness Tent: This was moving along nicely. They had a Welly Throwing stand provided by The Golden Boot with a £35 prize voucher. Mark said that he had spoken to Year 7 & 8 about stalls. Krystian and Lex were also organising help on the day. The Spring raffle would take place at this event too and tickets would go out next term. The 1st prize for the raffle would be £250 cash. Friday, 2nd March would be "own

clothes" day with donations for particular stalls from each year. Two parents had approached Sarah about sponsoring a stall at the event.

Golf Day: We no longer had our previous contact at the Golf Club but Sarah and Heather would sort this out and were confident that we would get another member to let us have one of their Society Days. More information to follow.

Viva Las Vegas Night, Saturday 7th July: Following discussions about the expensive cost of a sit down meal it was agreed that we would have a nice finger buffet which would keep the cost of food at approx. £8 per head instead of £26. We need to step up the promotion of this event. If people could share it on Facebook groups that would help.

There was then a discussion about other tribute bands that might be of interest. It was decided that one quiz night a year was sufficient and that it was too soon for another snooker night.

Paul suggested another coach trip in the summer, perhaps to a flower festival. Michael suggested putting it out on Parentmail telling parents what events we had organised in the past and asking for any future suggestions.

Mark suggested that other members of the Committee offered to run a particular event throughout the year to ease the burden on Sarah.

Independent Accounts

Roger had drafted a Resolution for the Trustees to look at proposing to appoint Mr John Hoady to undertake an independent examination of the MGSPA accounts. This proposal was unanimously agreed and therefore carried by the all the Trustees at the meeting.

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School Uniform Shop: Sarah reported that there had been less interest recently. It was agreed to do a stall at the Spring Fair and also put it out on parents evenings.

Salvation Army Clothes Bank: This is being delivered tomorrow. It takes just clothes and shoes and Sarah proposes all lost property that isn't named or recyclable in the second hand uniform shop be put in it. The school and the Salvation Army get a 50/50 split of profits which is £50 a tonne.

100 Club and Easy Fundraising: these are ticking along nicely.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 5th March 2018