

## St Laurence School Association

### Minutes of 2017 AGM and general meeting held 3 October 2017

**Attendance:** Robert Beesley (Chair), Helen Peters & Caroline Head (Vice-Chairs); Maria Adlam-Apps (Treasurer); Belinda Wicks, Louise Weissel, Marsha Mars, Philippa Coombes, Alison Flindall.

**Apologies:** Helen Gage and Honour Luckins

**Minutes of previous meeting on 20/6/17:** these were agreed.

#### **Possible events for 2017/18:**

- Raffle: Maria has looked into ordering raffle tickets in time for a Christmas draw. Main prize is likely to be an Xbox with a cash prize (£100-£200) for second prize. Maria also suggested approaching local businesses for other prizes. Production cost of raffle tickets would be £54 for 3000-6000 tickets. Suggested date of draw Monday 18 December.
- Car boot sale: this idea was no longer viable due to restrictions on use of the school car park.
- Used uniform sale: idea discussed of taking a bag of items from lost property, washing the items and then selling them. This would take some time and effort from volunteers but could be popular.
- Year 11 fashion show: this is a fundraising event for the Year 11 ball. Parent committee already formed.
- Quiz night: this was planned to take place on a Friday evening in May 2018.
- Golf event: discussed the idea of a golf event with a meal at Cumberwell. Alison to explore this idea with a few parents who were members at Cumberwell.
- Summer event on school field: Robert outlined initial thoughts about holding a music event on the school field in summer 2018. SLSA has not held a big fundraising event for a few years and will miss the money usually raised at the Bradford on Avon fireworks event (not taking place in 2017 as field has to lie fallow). Group positive about this idea in principle and felt there was some relevant expertise amongst the parent population which could potentially be utilised.
- “Embrace” film: Marsha, from Mighty Girls Wiltshire, attended the meeting to discuss the idea of St Laurence purchasing the licence for a film called “Embrace”, which explores why poor body image has become a global epidemic. Mighty Girls Wiltshire (a self-funded voluntary organisation) are hoping to get a copy of this film in schools across Wiltshire along with the associated educational materials. The licence costs £300 but, once purchased, the school could host a screening and charge tickets. SLSA agreed to buy the licence whilst awaiting the Head’s view on how the school views the film and its potential to support the curriculum/fundraiser.

**Bids for funds:** none discussed.

**Any other business:** group discussed setting up an SLSA Facebook page. Alison offered to contact Honour to progress this as an effective way of disseminating information and promoting events.

**Date of next meeting:** tbc – February 2018