

St Laurence School Association

Minutes of General Meeting held 29 January 2018

Attendance: Robert Beesley (Chair), Maria Adlam-Apps (Treasurer); Belinda Wicks, Alison Flindall (Secretary)

1. **Apologies:** Honour Luckins, Marsha Mars, Maria Hirsch, Louise Weissel
2. **Minutes of previous meeting on 03/10/17:** these were agreed.

Robert reported on the Embrace screening, which took place at St Margaret's Hall on 18 January. Around 250 people attended the screening including 2 PSHE teachers. The school now has the licence for this film which it can choose to show in the future.

Maria Adlam-Apps was in the process of setting up an SLSA page on Facebook.

3. **What has been done since last meeting:**

- The Christmas raffle made £727 profit. £653 was spent on prizes but almost £1500 worth of tickets sold largely due to Caroline's hard work. The committee discussed possibly holding another raffle in the summer, taking on board some of the difficulties experienced when selling raffle tickets for the Christmas event. Agreed that SLSA would request the school's assistance in facilitating raffle ticket sales via tutor groups. **Note:** *no response yet from Mr Stewart about selling raffle tickets via the tutor trays in the future.*
- Used uniform sale: this raised £350. Used uniform will also be sold on 28 June during the Year 6 parents' evenings at the school.

4. **Treasurer's report**

Maria reported that donations totalled £7462. We have received £125.94 from easyfundraising and £164 in donations in addition to the profit from the raffle and used uniform sale (see above). There is a need to replenish the coffers.

5. **Forthcoming dates**

- Used uniform sale: this will take place on 8 March.
- Year 11 fashion show: profits will contribute to discounted tickets for the Year 11 ball. **Note:** *this event has been postponed.*
- Quiz night: this is planned to take place on Friday 4 May.

6. **Other fundraising ideas**

- Golf event: Alison to explore this idea with a few parents who were members at Cumberwell.

- Sports event: Joanne Goulding and Belinda Wicks had discussed the idea of a sports event/tournament on the school grounds. Could include a pop-up café. It was agreed that September/October would be a better time to hold this type of event.
- Chocolate bingo evening: Alison to discuss with Maria Hirsch and report back.
- Music festival: to be considered another time.
- Letters to parents: letters could be given to 250 parents attending GCSE and A level presentation evenings, asking them to consider donating to the school (including gift aid). Donations to go to a specified cause e.g. funding author visits.

7. Any other business

Maria raised the idea of asking students to create a new logo for the SLSA. **Note:** *Robert raised this idea with the school and the Art department suggest that the SLSA logo could be redesigned by A level students, as part of a portfolio development task. The quality of the logo will be better, and it helps the students.*

Katherine Allard was the new Fundraising Officer at the school: Robert to meet with her to discuss links with SLSA.

8. Date of next meeting: tbc – after 28 June 2018