

St Laurence School Association

Minutes of General Meeting held 2 July 2018

Attendance: Robert Beesley (Chair), Belinda Wicks, Maria Hirsch, Alison Flindall (Secretary)

1. **Apologies:** Helen Peters.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting on 29/01/18:** these were agreed.
3. **What has been done since last meeting:**
 - Robert had tried to meet with Katherine Allard on a couple of occasions to discuss the remit of her fundraising role at the school. It was suggested that the SLSA should invite Katherine to attend the next SLSA meeting in the autumn.
 - Breathing Space project: this quiet space on campus had been recently opened by the Chair of the Healthcare Trust. The school had received a number of generous donations for this project which will benefit all year groups.
 - New logo for SLSA: no word back yet from the Art department on creating a design project for art students.
 - Robert had written to up to 250 parents attending GCSE and A level presentation evenings, asking them to consider donating to the school (including gift aid). Sadly, this had generated no responses from parents.
 - Nearly 50 parents had completed supplied their contact details to added to the SLSA email contact list.
 - Robert has updated the SLSA Data Protection Policy and provided an update of SLSA information for the school website.

4. Treasurer's report

In the absence of the SLSA Treasurer, Robert discussed the various bids submitted from different departments for money raised by the SLSA. These were discussed and agreed (see attached summary of bids and decisions). Maria and Alison agreed to investigate sourcing a couple of bids from external sources in the first instance.

5. Forthcoming dates

- Fireworks: Russell Cole in charge of Fireworks event and he will create a Doodle poll to facilitate parents signing up to help with this major fundraising event. Date is Sat 3 November 2018.
- Year 11 Fashion Show: remind new Year 11 parents that a file on this event is available if any of them wish to help organise this event.
- Quiz night: this is planned to take place on Friday 18 May 2019. The last quiz was very well attend (about 160 people). It was suggested we should increase ticket prices slightly as prices were modest in comparison with other similar local events.

6. Other fundraising ideas

- Christmas raffle: there is broad interest in repeating this fundraiser. It was suggested we could give students in Y9 and above tickets to sell and have a longer lead in time to try and source as many prizes as possible.
- Uniform sales: these will take place during several events during the school year when parents attend the school.
- Welcome to BOA pack for new residents: SLSA have produced this for a few years: local businesses pay to include their details in a pack which is then distributed to new residents. Robert to ascertain viability for next year and report back at the AGM.
- Golf event: still to be explored.

7. Any other business: 4 meeting dates for 2018-19 were agreed as follows:

- Monday 17 September 2018
- Monday 21 Jan 2019
- Monday 7 May 2019
- Monday 1 July 2019

8. Date of next meeting: Monday 17 September 2018