

St Laurence School Association

Minutes of General Meeting held 21 January 2019

Attendance: Robert Beesley (Chair), Tom Naysmith (Treasurer), Belinda Wicks, Maria Hirsch, Julie Jones, Alison Flindall (Secretary)

1. **Apologies:** Maria Adlam-Apps.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting on 29/01/18:** these were agreed.
3. **What has been done since last meeting:**
 - Fireworks event: estimated profit approx. £1,000. Attendee numbers were down compared with previous event as event took place during half term. Expenditure on fixed costs had increased compared with previous years. Good support received from SL parents.
 - Meeting with Head and Governors: following last meeting, and Belinda's letter to the Head, Robert met with Mr Stewart and both the Chair and Vice-Chair of Governors. This was a productive meeting, with the school offering a link Governor (name tbc) to be point of liaison with SLSA and attend SLSA meetings. Agreed that parents will be able to use Parent Pay to buy tickets etc.
 - Used uniform sale: raised £300 with further sale planned for 28 March 2019.
 - CD/DVD collection: raised small amount by selling items on Music Magpie.
 - Christmas raffle: this idea was postponed.
 - BOA welcome pack: Robert had discussed this pack with some local estate agents and businesses.
4. **Forthcoming events**
 - Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools: bags will be sent home on 1 Feb for filling with clothes, footwear, soft toys and unwanted gifts, towels etc. Bags to be brought into school on Feb. School receive 50p per kilo of goods received.
 - Quiz Night: planned for 17 May. New quiz team available case existing team members wish to have a break.
 - Bingo evening: Maria Hirsch knows an experienced bingo caller (grandparent to SL student) who has hosted several successful bingo evenings in Holt. Provisional date of 5 or 12 July identified.
 - Golf event: Maria and Alison to discuss possible event ideas with contact at Cumberwell asap.
 - St Laurence 40th Anniversary: this anniversary falls in 2020. Other schools have celebrated similar anniversaries so plenty of good ideas around. Agreed it was appropriate for the school management team to own this project and request support as required from the SLSA.

5. Other fundraising ideas

- Christmas trees: Tom has experience from his child's scout group of selling Christmas trees on a sale or return basis with a generous mark-up price. Tom will look into this idea for next meeting.

6. Any other business

- Sound system for gym: Maria and Alison had tried to source suitable donated items according to the technical spec provided by the PE department. Discussed the principle of teachers providing up to 3 quotes for required items/resources to ensure best value for money. (*Note*: price now agreed for this item and gave PE Dept approval to purchase).
- Picnic benches: Maria had written letters to garden furniture companies/garden centres about possible donations of these items requested for the 6th Form Centre. (*Note*: one good quality used picnic bench subsequently sourced and delivered to the school).

7. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7 May 2019.