

MRC Parents
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
30th April 2019

Attending: Clair Hyde, Hannah Rashbrook; Sarah John; Andrew Pons; Xlaire Stemp-West; Aggie Krzanik; Anita Haigh, Hilary O'Sullivan, Angela Tysoe, Nicola Munday; Jane Althaus, Stuart Edwards, Paul Thompson.

1. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting

Were agreed as a true record of last year's AGM

2. Chairpersons report

Anita Haigh presented the Chairpersons report (appended)

3. Treasurers report

Hilary O'Sullivan (acting Treasurer) presented the Treasurers report (appended)

Matters arising:

- i) There was some discussion about the 500 club, which involves supporters making a regular monthly commitment with a monthly prize draw allocating half the funds raised. This has a small but committed number of supporters. It was agreed that the new committee would review arrangements for the club with a view to moving to a 'one prize per month' format, beginning from September 2029, following consultation with club members.
- ii) Attendees were encouraged to pass on any contacts who might potentially support MRCP events as sponsors in the future.

4. Election of officers

The following officers were elected:

Chairperson: Anita Haigh, nominate by Jane Althaus, seconded by Sarah John

Treasurer: Gina Dutt, nominated by Paul Thompson, seconded by Hilary O'Sullivan

Vice Chair: Angela Tysoe, nominated Anita Haigh, seconded Nicola Munday

Secretary: Hilary O'Sullivan, nominate Nicola Munday, seconded Angela Tysoe

Stuart Edwards (Principal) thanked the fundraising committee for their hard work.

Angele Tysoe thanked all the school staff who have supported MRCP over the year.

Annex 1: Chairperson's Report

Our motto as a charitable body is '*supporting our children's education*'.

We aim to do this by:

- providing a forum for parents/carers to be informed about and to discuss issues that impact on our children's learning and wider College life
- organising social events to encourage parental participation and engagement
- generating income to provide resources beyond the means of mainstream College funding

Over the past year, we have worked hard to raise the profile of MRC Parents in order to be more effective in these areas, in particular, to increase our fundraising capacity. Current challenges with school funding nationally mean we must find ways to maintain the wide range of learning opportunities open to our children. To this end, we have established a dedicated fundraising team to organise high profile events and to develop links with local community businesses to secure sponsorship. The team meets once or twice a term and all are welcome to participate. This has been very successful and has enabled us to minimise financial risks and maximise fundraising potential.

We welcomed around 2000 people on site for the spectacular Fireworks event and were blessed with dry weather and a clear sky. Recently, we had a full house of over 100 at our Mexican-themed Quiz Night. Since our last AGM, we have raised around £6000 net from these and other events including the Community Day and Raffle, and our regular monthly 500 Club draw. This is significantly up on last year's total, which over a similar period between AGMs, was just over £2000. Details are given in the treasurer's report. As a result we have been able to help fund resources for the MFL and Drama departments, and will be handing over a cheque shortly for £5000 towards IT upgrades and floodlighting for the Multi Use Games Area.

Termly MRC Parents forums on topical issues have been most informative. We welcomed new parents at the Autumn term forum and heard from the Principal, Mr Edwards, about last year's highlights and priorities for the coming year. The Spring term workshop 'Stress Busters' focused on stress management and was particularly well-attended and appreciated.

We continue to work on improving our communication and now have a MRC Parents Facebook page, and plan to join Twitter shortly. Regular updates can also be found on the MRC Parents page on the College website. I am grateful to Janet Gibbs and Wendy Brown for their support with sending out emails and posting updates.

Teamwork has been essential to the successes of the past year, and the sharing of expertise and experience. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the committee, the fundraising team, staff members (especially Mr Thompson, our SLT link) and our community partners for their hard work, enthusiasm and dedication in making all of this possible.

Looking ahead, we hope to see a good turnout at our Open Air Cinema on Fri 12th July which promises to be an exciting evening of delicious food, refreshing drink and entertainment. We will also be holding another Fireworks event on Fri, 8th November. So please buy your tickets and support your children's education while enjoying yourselves!

As stated earlier, our role as a charitable body is to support our children's education. Parental engagement and participation is essential to this. While not everyone can commit to

regular meetings, support at specific events is always greatly appreciated. If you would like to know more about how to get involved, please speak to or email any Committee member, or visit our webpage on the College website, or Facebook page.

Together we can, and do, make a difference.

Annex 2: Treasurers Report

Accounts for year 1/9/17 to 31/8/18

Accounts were prepared by our out-going Treasurer Judith Balcombe in September 2018. MRC Parents would like to thank Judith for all her hard work in this role.

Paper copies of the accounts are available at this meeting on request; they will also be posted on the MRC Parents web pages.

The net income for the year was £1,966, representing receipts of £5,336.42 against a spend of £3,370.42.

This reflected:

- Quiz night profit of £731
- 500 Club profit of £630
- Easy Fundraising £150
- Community Day £113

At the year end assets stood at £5,245.67; £402 as cash the remainder at bank.

Interim accounts for year 1/9/18 to 31/8/19

Interim accounts have been prepared by Acting Treasurer Hilary O'Sullivan.

Receipts for the year to date total £16,472 against an expenditure of £7,782.

This reflected:

- 2018 Fireworks Night profit of £4078; comprising £3300 from sponsorship, remainder from sales
- Quiz Night profit of £1074
- 500 Club profit of £246
- Income in advance of Outdoor Cinema event (July 2019) of £2,692 comprising £2,250 received sponsorship; remainder Eventbrite ticket sales.
- £840 payment as the deposit for 2019 Fireworks event (November 2019). To date we have received promises of sponsorship for this event totalling £2,550.

Assets currently stand at £12,045.