

St. Matthew's Collegiate School Old Girls Association

Annual General Meeting

5:30pm Monday 18th November 2019

Held in the staffroom SMS, Masterton.

Present: Adie Long, Amanda McLeod, Errol Warren, Lynn Lamb, Sandie Sherwin, Georgie Vincent, Elsje Neal, Bridget Mathewson, Kathryn Percy.

Apologies: Judy Young, Sarah Harris, Kiri Gill, Deb Clinton-Baker, Georgie Orsborn, Rachel Bell, Bev Armistead, Inga Ward, Mary Perry.

Minutes of the previous AGM: Georgie Vincent moved that the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded Lynn Lamb.

Matters Arising: see general business below.

General Business

Database/Website: the database is up and running. Cost for setting up a SMOG website with Expert, this to be discounted due to Rathkeale Old Boys using Expert, (ROBA have gone live with their website). Adie reported \$3,375.00 plus GST, the hosting fee is included in this cost. There will also be a cost for maintenance.

Adie Long moved that SMOG commit \$5,000 to Expert for the website and maintain it. And up to \$1,000 per year. Seconded Steph Haworth.

Magazine: 800 printed. Georgie Cox organised the printing. This year the local town magazines were hand delivered. (Masterton, Carterton, Greytown, Martinborough). Rural and national were posted. 2019 costs were: \$1,800 for printing, \$700 to Georgie Cox, approx. \$750 for stamps and stationery.

Archives: Elsje has had photos and uniform from Kaye Levin's family donated for the archives. Elsje would like more casual photos for the archives from reunions.

Leavers breakfast: 7:30 to 8:30am Saturday 30th November. SMS Prize Giving to begin at 9am at Wairarapa College. Nicola Hewitt and Sarah Harris will be the Old Girls organisers of the breakfast.

Leavers 2019: 47 out of 55 leavers have signed up to SMOG. A good sign up, Georgie Vincent acknowledged that this will be beneficial to our financial position for 2020.

Scholarships: Jo Hosking, an Old Girl who is a lawyer, is going to advise and help out with the re-wording of the **Endeavour Scholarship**. This is currently held by a year 9 girl and so will be held by this student for a further 4 years. There will be further questions added to determine 'real wealth'. This includes questions around trusts and companies.

To the Stars Scholarship: the panel to select a new recipient from the applications. The current recipient is in year 13.

Jo Hosking is also keen to help with bequests and donations, she deals with these with Charities in her line of work.

Presidents Report: Adie Long read her report. Attached. Georgie moved Adie's report be accepted. Seconded Amanda McLeod.

Financial Report: Georgie reported on the SMOG finances. A small deficit of \$75.00.

The plan is to reinvest our three investment account amounts, approx. \$100,000 with WBS to get a larger interest rate. Our three investments will mature around the same time which will enable us to do this, (actual combined total is \$103,718.86).

Current amounts in each account: WBS call account \$8,246.37

ANZ \$6,445.39

WBS Investment 1 \$60,448

WBS Investment 2 \$19,286.72

WBS Investment 3 \$23,984.14

Richard Toovey will continue as the Auditor/Independent Financial Advisor. Georgie to organise a Screening Room voucher for Richard.

Adie Long moved that the accounts be accepted. Seconded Errol Warren. Carried.

Membership: Adie Long moved The Old Girls membership to be set at \$200 and \$150 for Old Girls that have left SMS over 20 years. Seconded Georgie Vincent.

This is to bring us in line with the \$200 that new girl's parents/caregivers deposit on accepting their daughter's place at St. Matthews.

Speakers in Assembly: Kate Cameron-Donald spoke to the girls this year. More speakers required for 2020.

Wine Fundraiser: An exclusive offer from Paddy Borthwick of Borthwick Wines for the Old Girls Association, for every case purchased, Borthwicks will donate \$35. This is being organised by Bridget Mathewson. The wine purchased will be delivered by courier free of charge. Currently 73.7 cases have been ordered which is fantastic. This equates to \$2,579.50 raised so far.

New parents 2020 drinks: the date for this is Sunday 26th January 5:00-7:00pm, to be held at Ms Kiri Gill's home, 89 Cole Street Masterton. Committee to help serve drinks and nibbles, if available.

New Business: Lynn Lamb spoke about their annual luncheon. If it was to be held at SMS then Lynn asked if the SMOG committee could take over the organising of this. Adie felt this was too big a job for the current committee if the contact is via phone number, not email. If they all had an email address it would be viable. Errol reported that there are quite a few who probably don't have email. Discussion took place around this. Perhaps send out invitations by email to those that have email and post to the others. Sandie reported that the School will type and print out the invitations.

Constitution: No changes required.

Correspondence: Thank you cards from Dashfield family and Levin family (sympathy cards were sent to both families).

Letter from Warwick Marsh informing SMOGA of the passing of his wife, a Old Girl – Glenys marsh (Sandman)

Election of officers

President

Adie Long nominated by Errol Warren. Seconded Georgie Vincent. Carried.

Secretary

Amanda McLeod nominated by Adie Long. Seconded Bridget Mathewson. Carried.

Treasurer

Georgie Vincent was nominated by Adie Long. Seconded Amanda McLeod. Carried.

Committee

Stephanie Haworth, Sarah Harris, Bridget Mathewson, Nicola Hewitt, Nicola Spencer, Georgie Orsborn, Rachel Bell, Deb Clinton-Baker, Kathryn Percy, Kristy Boderick.

Adie Long moved the above are elected as the SMOG committee, seconded Georgie Vincent. Carried.

Auditor/Independent Financial Officer:

Richard Toovey. Moved Georgie Vincent. Seconded Amanda McLeod.

Scholarship Convenor and Scholarship Committee:

Adie Long nominated Steph Haworth continue as the Scholarship convenor. Seconded Georgie Vincent Carried. The other panel members are Charlotte Gendall, Tina Tylee and Melissa Clark-Reynolds.

Meeting closed at 6:38pm.