

PSA Meeting and AGM October 15 2012

Minutes

Present: Helena Strange, Joyce Kamugisha , Ruth Derbyshire, Joelle Labutte, Mr Teeling, Mr Ahmed, Mr Hussey, Mr Nicholls, Liz Conmy, Angeline De Andres, John Cropper, Ally Dunnett, Laurie Powell, Lynne Powell

Apologies: Lucy Curtin, Kate Hield

1. Reports

The group reviewed the minutes of last meeting, the Chair's report and Treasurer's verbal report on last year.

Treasurer's update: £724.85 was raised over the past year. We lost money on Gregfest (Gregfest feedback and ideas for future improvements covered in September meeting), and the Big Band night didn't make as much as the previous year, as there was bad weather resulting in rescheduling. The quiz and curry night was very successful though, making £323.

The PSA had £4,325.09 in total at year-end, and will donate some of this to the cost of the defibrillators, now purchased for the school.

2. Update from Mr Hussey

The Show Choir has grown to 100+ members, is developing in talent, and is a great feature at events. The choir will perform at a gala night on November 23, where Mr Hunter has asked whether the PSA could help with refreshments.

After intensive recruitment, a new school librarian will start soon, replacing Hilja Bassett who retired recently.

On October 30th, during half-term, the school facilities will be used for a conference on Catholicism which could help establish St Gregory's as a focal point of Catholic education.

The school peace garden was opened in a moving ceremony.

3. Forthcoming events

October 25th – Year 7 parent-teacher meetings (one-to-one and more general presentations). All parents are invited to participate in curriculum discussions, and the PSA has been asked to help with the provision of soft drinks.

October 30th - conference, as above.

November 16th (note change of date) – quiz and curry night. V1th form doing the bulk of the planning and management on the night. PSA need to stock and staff the bar only, and Mr Teeling will be quiz master as usual. Mr Teeling to distribute posters by email, for putting up around local schools, library, churches, shops etc.

November 23rd – gala night, as above.

November 25th – Air Ambulance holding event on the school premises. PSA asked to provide help with soft drinks.

Date tbc, probably end of Nov/start of Dec – phone-a-thon to contact new Year 7 parents.

4. Election of officers

Chair – Helena, proposed by Lynne, seconded by Mr Teeling. Carried.

Treasurer – Mr Ahmed, proposed by Helena, seconded by Ally. Carried.

Secretary - Ally, proposed by Helena, seconded by Lynne. Carried.

Thank you very much to Helena and Mr Ahmed for being willing to continue in their roles for another year, and to Siobhan Teasdale who has had to stand down after acting as PSA secretary last year.

Additional committee members – Lynne, Joyce, Ruth.

CRB forms need to be completed online and sent to Mr Hussey's PA, Rosemary. Lynne will coordinate with Rosemary.

5. AOB

Discussion of possible themes for future 'Big Night'. Helena suggested a dinner dance tying in with St Patrick's Day, to be held on March 15th. Mr Nicholls may be able to get Irish band, and will investigate whether his Gaelic football club would be interested in holding this as a joint event.

Joelle asked whether we could have a calendar of forthcoming trips/events/meetings/other key dates on the school website.

Mr Teeling will ask Mr Wileman about Sports Day, to link with Gregfest.

Mr Teeling asked the PSA for views on having an 'alumni' or 'roll of honour' board indicating where students have gone on to in higher education. All were in favour, also of past students coming in and talking to current ones. The board could cost an initial £500, with annual update costs – exact details tbc.

It was requested that there be more toilets open for use on the night of the quiz.

6. Date of next meeting

Monday December 10th, 7.00.