

The Friends of LRGS

Minutes of Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 26 February 2019, 7.30 pm



Opening from the Head:

Chris opened the meeting welcoming the newer parents joining Friends to a new term and warmly thanked them for their support to LRGS.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the AGM and Committee meeting on 10 January 2019 were agreed to be an accurate record of the proceedings.

1. Matters Arising

- **Feedback on Burns Night**

The Burns Night Celebration was enthusiastically attended and has been successful once again as the Friends' major annual fundraising initiative. Chris thanked Michelle for her organisation, Gill for the table pieces, Helen for arranging the Sixth Form photographers, Anne Marie and Wendy for the financial support, Lesley, Naomi and Noreen for supporting the bar, as well as to the Friends for their assistance and to the guests for attending. It is planned that the event will run on similar lines next year. The Ashton Hall is booked for 25 January 2020 and a piper has been secured in the absence of Duncan Bell (who is emigrating). Newfields Catering, Northern Frisk and Haydn Hicks (wines & spirits) continue to support LRGS for this event. Anne Marie and Michelle are to meet with Lancaster City Council, as new arrangements are in place for events and venue hire with LCC.



Requests from the guests who attended suggest there is interest and support for further wine tasting events, and an additional St Patricks Night for 2020.

- **LRGS 550 Panoramic Viewfinder**

Progress on the panoramic viewfinder and inscription will be updated in due course. It is hoped that the viewfinder will be in place by the end of the summer term.

2. Communication received by the Friends

- **Thanks from the Kinamba Community Project, Rwanda**

A very kind e mail of thanks for sports kit has been received from the Kinamba project organisers. LRGs sports clothing donated by the Friends has been enthusiastically received, ensuring that children in Rwanda are now able to compete in various activities wearing team sports kit.



3. Treasurer's Report

Anne-Marie kindly provided an update and presented the current accounts as incoming treasurer. There remains some overlap with Wendy for the present time for banking and signatories, while the banking change over arrangements continue. Anne-Marie has some thoughts on the banking system and how the Friend manage large sums of cash at Fundraising events, which she will consider and advise on in due course.

In terms of the Burns Night Event, the final figure was £4,625.29, however Ray Thomas has since advised that there is an additional £80.00 from a late ticket payment on Wisepay.

We currently have an available balance of **£19,256.36**

Due to pending pledges we have **£15,175.73** to spend.

4. School Shop

Radmila reported that the School Shop continues to be encouragingly profitable, with a significant increase in sales and turnover during the past term since period Tie sales have improved,

New stock is needed as demands for current rugby and cricket kit are high. Donations for the School Shop will be promoted by Emma Jones who is responsible for the school social media posts and communication. Black Bear Computers in Lancaster have provided posters and Warhammer loyalty cards for the school. Posters advertising Warhammer goods in the School Shop are to be circulated.



5. Funding requests

Four funding requests were submitted to the Friends as follows:

- **Bios Science and DNA Equipment:** £989:00 was requested by Mr Balshaw to assist with biology and learning about genetic manipulation techniques.

Agreed: £989.00

- **Equipment for the Canoe Club** totalling £1121.46 was requested by Mr Talks for accessories and equipment to enable the canoes to be used more readily by the Canoe Club and LRGS CCF navy.
Agreed: £1121.46
- **LRGS Orienteering Club Ties** : £370.00 was requested by Tom Matthew for LRGS Orienteering Club Ties (to be sold via the School Shop)
Agreed £370.00
- **Storey House basement refurbishment into a gym/fitness facility for boarders and day pupils:** £500.00 was requested by Mr Viney to purchase a large screen television for a fitness area to be created in Storey House basement.
- **Agreed £500.00**

6. Forthcoming Events:

- a. **Spring Festival, Saturday 23 March 2019.** Joanne gave an overview of the plans for the Spring Festival, stating that more volunteers were needed. Radmila advised on the progress with the International Food Corner. Request for assistance and donations of cakes, international food and Easter eggs for the tombola will be made through the Head's newsletter and social media sites. Incoming Year 7 families will be invited to attend.



- b. **Twelfth Night, LRGS production at the Duke's Theatre (the Round) 2& 3 April 2019.** The Drama department will advise if an assistance is needed from the Friends for this event.

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- **Future Events:** Catrina suggested that a summer wine tasting event would be welcome following feedback from Burns Night. However Gill advised that LRGS Rugby will be hosting a wine-tasting event and a Gin tasting event in the coming months to support the LRGS rugby Tour to South Africa.
- There is some concern that there are no Friends fundraising events scheduled until the next academic year with the supper run in September 2019.

- The group also felt it was important to recruit Friends from the current Year 7 parent group and the incoming year families for September 2019 so a social event in October would be desirable.

The meeting closed at 21.00 hrs.

Date of next meeting:

Friends' Committee Meeting: Tuesday 24 April, 7.30 pm, LRGS Library.

