

The Friends of LRGs

Minutes of Committee Meeting held
Wednesday 01 May 2019, 7.30 pm



Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Committee meeting dated 26 February 2019 were agreed to be an accurate record of the proceedings.

1. Matters Arising

- **LRGS Panoramic Viewfinder**
- On behalf of the sixth form, two students provided an update on the progress with the Panoramic Viewfinder. The project has since migrated to become a pupil memorial, with involvement from Year 10 pupils, artwork by Chris Bagnold and cartography by Andrew Talks. One of the Year 10 parents is a stone mason and has offered to complete the engraving. The viewfinder will be located on the



upper site with the stone and base structure to be finalised. The work will take around two weeks to complete. It is hoped that there will be a celebration with Reece's family to unveil the viewfinder either on Open Day on 22 June or on Founder's Day on 06 July. The costs for the project are within budget, and the Friends remain committed to this pledge, which is matched by the Old Lancastrians.

- **Spring Festival**

The Spring Festival was well received and is becoming a calendar date which is popular with incoming pupils. There is enthusiasm from new families who traditionally receive confirmation of Year 7 places in early March. The day was well attended but the group felt it would be helpful to review the duration of the event. Plans for next year will involve discussions with LRGs Boarding as the group would like to invite boarding families to the festival.

2. Communication received by the Friends

Thanks have been received from Gareth Hamilton for the recent pledge for canoe equipment:

Dear Friend of LRGS,

Just a quick note to express our thanks for the grant for canoe equipment. We have some much needed safety equipment, some higher quality paddles which are much better for learning with and for the first time ever some left handed paddles. In addition, we bought some children's paddles for smaller students.

The Canoe Club and CCF Royal Navy will make use of these for many years to come. We unboxed them this lunchtime and the boys were very excited to have a go!



Thanks again, Gareth Hamilton

3. Treasurer's Report

Anne-Marie kindly provided an update and presented the current accounts as incoming treasurer.



In terms of the Spring Festival, the takings were £1024.11, with profits of £943.99. There has been a payment from the annual subscriptions for the 500 Club.

We have a balance of **£19,267.44**;
due to pending pledges we have **£16,437.00**
available to spend.

4. School Shop

Radmila gave an update on the continued popularity of the School Shop. With the summer term approaching, it was agreed that LRGS baseball caps would be a good sales line. Radmila will order 25 caps in navy blue for the summer term, with a stock review if more are needed for the Welcome Afternoons.

New stock may also be needed for 6th Form girls who will wear LRGS pins. Other accessories of interest will be considered once the new 6th Form is open in September.



5. Funding requests

Four funding requests were submitted to the Friends as follows:

- **Outdoor Leisure Equipment:** £4,138.00 was requested by Mr James Hallsworth on behalf of the Seward Committee, to develop outdoor leisure facilities on the school site. This is to be matched by the Old Lancastrians and

will include an outdoor gym, two sets of outdoor football posts and a portable volleyball net.

Agreed: £4,138.00

- **A Geography library book store** totalling £300.00 was requested by Mr Andrew Talks for an informal bookstore for the new building to be used by pupils to borrow donated books.

Agreed: £300.00

- **LRGS CCF Banner:** £200.00 was requested by Dr David Rowe for an LRGS CCF banner and standard bearer equipment to be used for the Remembrance parade and other occasions. £200.00 has been pledged by the Old Lancastrians and £100 at least will be raised by the LRGS cadets,

Agreed £200.00

- **LRGS Masterchef Prizes:** £150.00 was requested by Mrs Cath Mossop for the annual Year 9 Masterchef prizes.

Agreed £150.00

6. **Forthcoming Events:** Three are no further Friends' events until the LRGS Supper Run on Wednesday 18 September. As LRGS Rugby and LRGS Cricket have forthcoming wine and gin tasting events, there is a collective opinion that a summer wine tasting would be popular with parents, and so this should be considered in planning ahead for the 2019/2020 calendar.

The forthcoming events are as follows:

- a. **Welcome afternoons:** (Michelle to call for volunteers)

- Monday 17 June
- Tuesday 18 June
- Wednesday 19 June
- Tuesday 25 June
- Wednesday 26 June
- Thursday 27 June

- b. **LRGS Supper Run, Wednesday 18 September 2019** Volunteers will be needed on returning to the Autumn Term 2019.

- c. **Sebastian Gallardo Barton, Piano Recital, Friday 4 October 2019:** Volunteers are needed as well as liaison with the Music Department; tickets to go on sale in September 2019.

- d. **LRGS Ground Force Day** –date to be confirmed

- e. **A Night with Eddie the Eagle**; Michelle proposed the idea of an inspirational speaker event for the families of LRGS. Michael Edwards, British Ski Jumping Olympiad, known as Eddie the Eagle has offered to visit LRGS to hold an event on Friday 8 November with an afternoon talk to the pupils. His fees are £1500.00 plus VAT, and an overnight hotel stay. On discussion the group felt this would be viable and interesting for the school and parents. Details to be finalised at the next meeting.



- f. **LRGS Burns Night, Saturday 25 January 2020**: Michelle & Anne Marie to meet with Lancaster City Council at the Town Hall.
- g. **Spring Festival, March 2020, date tbc**
- h. **LRGS St Patrick's Night, Saturday 21 March 2020, tbc.**
- i. **Summer Wine Tasting Event, date tbc.**

AOB: 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. Cara has offered to run a Friends of LRGS stall at the welcome afternoons.

The meeting closed at 21.00 hrs.

Date of next meeting:

Friends' Committee Meeting: Tuesday 04 June, 7.30 pm, venue tbc