

# The Friends of LRGS

Minutes of Committee Meeting held  
Wednesday 11 September 2019, 7.30 pm



**Present:** Jenny Cornell, Sharon Crane, Helen Edge, Joanne Giles, Catrina Holden, Meisoon Jumah, Mike Litherland, Wendy Preston, Chris Pyle (Chair), Lesley Sharples, Irina Tsepelin, Anne-Marie Waddingham, (Treasurer), Cara Watson, Jeanine Weston Michelle Whitton (Secretary).

**Apologies:** Janice Alty, Radmila Balastikova, Gill Bishop, Noreen Jones, Wendy Jones, Sally Pyle, Angela Rowe, David Rowe, Peter Sorton, Saleha Wadee, Poone Yazdanpanah.

Chris opened the meeting with a warm welcome to the autumn term, and gave his thanks to the new and present Friends group members.

## Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Committee meeting dated 03 June 2019 were agreed to be an accurate record of the proceedings.

## 1. Matters Arising

- **LRGS Panoramic Viewfinder:** Work on the Panoramic Viewfinder is almost complete, and a date for it unveiling is being planned by school.

## 2. Communication received by the Friends

- The Friends were pleased to hear from incoming parent **Peter Sorton** (Year 7) who has generously offered to arrange a **Guitar Concerto** from **Richard Durrant**. A date of 12 June has been suggested, which is agreeable to all and will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Peter has also offered a **Sourdough bread baking** workshop to the Friends. This was well received and Cath Mossop will liaise with Peter to progress his kind offer.
- **Gill Bishop** has kindly suggested ideas for the **Ground Force Day** for the Friends to consider 'uplifting' the courtyard area in the International Building to improve the planters and environs. Chris suggested that plans for this area may be a subject of a Friends' bid, when it has been looked at in more detail. The outdoor table tennis facilities also need attention.
- **Emma Lamb** has sent a message of thanks for the recent pledge for push units for the music department. She has passed on a link to a video (however the subject of the video does not have access due to IT school security).

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Anne-Marie kindly provided an update and presented the current accounts. We have a balance of around **£9,000.00** taking into account pending pledges. Some of the outstanding pledges are historic and she will ask Ray Thomas to review these.



### 4. School Shop

Mei gave an update on the takings and turnover from the School Shop which amount to £4,225.00 in the last year. The shop was particularly busy in the end of summer opening in August. We have sold out of small blazers and all rugby kit. Joanne suggested a re-order of golf umbrellas which was agreed. As always, there is a high demand for current PE and rugby kit. Michelle will review Warhammer promotions with Black Bear Computers. Chris thanks the Friends who are involved with the school shop for this valued initiative

### 5. Funding requests

No funding requests were submitted to the Friends, although we are expecting a bid from the 6th Form for items needed for the new 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre. Chris added that a 6<sup>th</sup> Form Art & Photography competition may require a supply of frames for the successful artwork. It was agreed that any incoming bid could be considered ahead of the next meeting in November. Michelle will inform the group should this be the case.

### 6. Forthcoming Events: The social events were discussed as follows:

#### a. **LRGS Supper Run, Wednesday 18 September 2019**

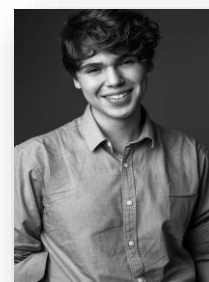
Cath provided an overview of the plans for the event. Volunteers from the Friends will assist mainly in the dining room serving chips, taking race numbers for the raffle and clearing up. Radmila will organise the drinks.



#### b. **Year 7 Welcome Evenings.** Volunteers from the Friends will assist in the Assembly Hall ; dates as follows:

- Tuesday 8 October
- Wednesday 9 October
- Thursday 10 October

#### c. **Sebastian Gallardo Barton, Piano Recital, and Friday 4 October 2019:** Volunteers are needed as well as liaison with the Music Department; tickets need to be promoted. Michelle & Anne Marie will organise refreshments.



- d. **LRGS Ground Force Day** – Saturday 5 October; please see comments above about the International Building Courtyard. Despite last year’s hard work planting bulbs around the new biology lab, there had been a fruitful display of flowers in the spring!
- e. **Robbie Williams Tribute Night, Friday 11 October 2018-** Volunteers for bar staff are needed; tickets need to be promoted. Michelle will liaise with the caterers and organise bar stock

- f. **A Night with Eddie the Eagle**; confirmed for Friday 8 November in the assembly hall, with supper and a bar. Details to be finalised and circulated very soon. Eddie will be in school during the day and will make an inspirational presentation to the pupils.



- g. **Speech Day Saturday 16 November**; volunteers from the Friends will be needed to assist with refreshments.



- h. **Festival of Carols**: Saturday 14 and Monday 16 December; mulled wine and mice pies would be appreciated. Catrina will liaise with the Friends about this. We hope to bake mince pies in school on Friday 13 December with agreement from Cath.

- i. **LRGS Burns Night**; this is now confirmed for **Saturday 18 January 2020** for 180 guests. Due to changes with the Lancaster City Council hire contract for hiring of the Ashton Hall, the Friends will no longer run the bar but will receive a 30% donation from the takings. The group agreed to a ticket price of £45.00 per head to include a prosecco reception with piper Richard Cowie on the grand stairway, performance from the LRGS string group; photographs by 6<sup>th</sup> Form; whisky tasting, address to the haggis, supper by Newlands Catering, ceilidh from Northern Frisk, and a raffle. All tickets will be sold on Wisepay going live in November. We will offer purchase of tables (10 guests), individual tickets and a whisky tasting option. Michelle will write to all parents ahead of the ticket sales.



- j. **Spring Festival, March 2020; Saturday 14 March** to be held in conjunction with LRGS Boarding. Emma Lamb will arrange musical performances.
- k. **LRGS St Patrick’s Night, Saturday 21 March 2020**, to be discussed at the next meeting. Helen will make approaches for an Irish dancing display.

- I. **Guitar Concerto from Richard Durrant 12 June 2020**; to be discussed as above.
- m. **Summer Wine Tasting Event**, date tbc.

**AOB:** there was no further business.

The meeting closed at 21.00 hrs.

**Date of next meeting:** Friends' Committee Meeting and AGM Wednesday 6 November, 7.30pm in the Grab & Go

