

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
21 FEBRUARY 2011, 17:00

1 Apologies

I. Jarvis, R. Harley

Present

B. Baker, D. Cook, E. Lazarus, S. Davies, E. Broadley, A. Porter, D. Owen, D. Beresford, L. Joll, P. Farr, W. Dekkers

2 Minutes of the Meeting: 29 November 2010

Don Cook moved that the minutes be accepted. Seconded Sallie Davies. Accepted

Business Arising

Sallie Davies asked if the \$60 donation from the Annual Reunion had been transferred to the Historical and Museum account yet. Eve Broadley said that it would be done.

Don Cook reported that the website had been updated to show and accept postage for the book. Pay Pal is now online for memorabilia and for donations to the Scholarship Fund.

3 Correspondence

Secretary

Executive Officer

Report sent to committee members electronically.

Many pages of correspondence have resulted in response to the mail out to Don Cook and Ian Jarvis. There are 500 new email addresses.

There has been a request from a staff member for funding for students attending a conference in the United States. It was agreed that this request should be subject to protocols set up by the School. Any protocols regarding requests for funding should go via the Principal. Lois Joll will come back to the next meeting with the correct protocol.

4 Communications Report:

Report sent out electronically to committee members.

Membership

12 new contributing members since last meeting. Many registered members.

Magazine

The magazine for the Centenary year was discussed. In previous years advertising brought in money to assist in covering the cost of publication. This may be worth pursuing and may generate business for those advertising.

e-Newsletter

The next e-newsletter is due to be sent out after 25th February.

Marketing

Portal

Updating of the portal has occurred in the last few days. The Picnic details have been included.

Consolidated Database

Work is continuing on updating entries in the database. The snail mail to members without email addresses has resulted in more than 500 responses, precipitating over 50 biographical responses and new Contributing members. Using White Pages and re-mailing to correct addresses, the large number of Return to Sender mail items recorded in the database has decreased. Many more have yet to be processed.

5 Finance and Fundraising

Perth Modernian Society

Operational Finance

Eve Broadley tabled the Perth Modernian Society Cash Flow Statement for 29th November 2010 to 21st February 2011.

Balance as at 23/11/10 \$20663.02

Balance as at 21/02/11 \$19456.33

Ed Lazarus moved that the report be accepted. Seconded Barrie Baker. Accepted

Sphinx Foundation

Finance and Fundraising Group 2011 objectives sent out electronically to committee members.

Peter Farr reported that the Sphinx Foundation main operating account had \$7945.53.

Scholarship Fund

An excellent start has been made, with funds donated or pledged totaling approx.\$125,000. The present investment policy is yielding approx. 8% return.

The inaugural Perth Modernian Society Scholarship (Academic Excellence) and McCusker Scholarship (Academic Excellence) – each valued at \$3000 over 3 years – were awarded at the Centenary Assembly on 14th February 2011, along with 11 special Centenary Bursaries, for students commencing Year 8.

It is planned to follow up people who were invited but could not attend the launch event.

Progressively, brochures containing donation guidance, including bequest information for wills, will be sent to all remaining PMS members,

Constitution. Sallie Davies queried our responsibilities under the constitution. Does the committee have to approve the Scholarships? What is our responsibility as a Council?

Peter said that the Board, comprising Barrie Baker, Eve Broadley, Peter Farr and the Principal are a delegated authority, fully informed at the decision making time. Due process is being followed. As a courtesy they report to the meeting of the Perth Modernian Society.

Insurance. Sallie Davies asked about Liability insurance and whether the School's Insurance covers Volunteers. Ultimately insurance should be taken out. To be discussed after The AGM.

Officers and Directors Liability Insurance and Volunteer Group Insurance will be on the agenda for the May Meeting. In the meantime, Eve Broadley will follow up the Insurance Policies.

Auditor. The Sphinx Foundation is engaging an external Auditor to audit for 2010. Eve Broadley will give Peter Farr auditor details.

Historical and Museum Committee

Alan Porter tabled the Financial Report for the period 15th November 2010 to 7th February 2011 and the 2010 ledger.

The balance of accounts as at 07/02/2011:

CBA Savings Cheque Account \$3673.03

CBA Fixed deposit \$10757.90

Alan reported that about \$500 had been spent so far. Money has been well spent on the Museum/Volunteer Centre.

6 Historical and Museum Committee

Report of the Historical and Museum Committee Forward Plan 2011 sent out electronically to committee members.

Art work. Sallie Davies informed the committee that Rosemary Pratt, the Art Convenor, had been approached to purchase on behalf of the School community, an early print of the school. It was suggested that the Committee underwrite the purchase, with the idea of a reunion group or the present Year 12's then buying it to present to the School.

Barrie Baker moved that the Committee underwrite the purchase of the artwork. Seconded Wendy Dekkers. Accepted.

Sallie Davies will contact Rosemary Pratt to go ahead with the purchase.

Donations. Lois Joll accepted some recent donations of memorabilia by Old Modernians, which once accessioned, would be displayed.

A Fillister plane belonging to Mr Gardham an ex teacher of Perth Modern School, restored by Elwyn Harries and presented to the school by Rachel Harries, a great grand child. This has been donated by the Harries family.

2 cups and a jarrah Prefect shield belonging to Richard Lee, Captain of school 1941 and kindly donated by his niece, Mrs Barbara Ladyman.

Peter Farr handed over to Sallie Davies (on behalf of the H & M Committee) with engraved silver Sphinx (girls baseball team 1913) and a photo of the girls tennis team, originally belonging to Muriel Wishart and donated by her niece Dorothy Wishart.

7. Functions

Recruitment

Demonstration of Face book by Reece Harley.

As Reece was delayed at a meeting this demonstration was postponed

8 Executive Officer's report

The Executive Officer's Report for the 21st February 2011 sent out electronically to committee members.

Database. The database is being cleansed by checking the White pages. It is hoped that it will be more accurate in time for the Annual reunion.

Reunions. Already some one from Los Angeles is planning to attend the Annual reunion. The School Open day is the Friday before. The class of 1951 is planning their reunion for the week preceding or following.

Memorabilia for Centenary Year. Don Cook reported that it was planned to provide an Alumni tie for men and a watch for ladies available for purchase by members only. The Alumni could then also offer a combination membership and alumni tie/watch for sale to parents of exiting Year 12's. A suggestion was made to Investigate cufflinks as well.

Peter Farr moved that a woven silk tie with a discrete logo be ordered. Seconded Barrie Baker. Accepted.

The Committee endorses that Lois Joll and Don Cook meet and work with the designer on both the tie and watch.

Style Manual. Peter Farr circulated a booklet prepared by Castledine & Castledine of the Sphinx Master Artwork based on the original drawing on display in the Auditorium. By the end of the week the draft final version will be ready.

Peter Farr moved that the Committee endorse the adoption of the Style guidelines and that the Sphinx Foundation and the Perth Modernian Society in equal parts pay for the expenses.

Seconded Barrie Baker. Accepted

9 Principal's Report

Lois Joll tabled the Principal's Report for February 2011.

Included in the Report were the outstanding results achieved by Year 12 students in 2010. The school plans to install an Honour Board of students who achieve an ATAR result of 99 and over. 2011 is the first year that all students have been academically selected, Her report summarised the events so far this year, including student events, parent information evenings and the Centenary Year Dinner. A range of memorabilia is available for purchase. Lois explained the rationale of Year 7's in schools to the committee

10 General business.

AGM. To be held Monday 16th May with a Guest Speaker.

Portal. Peter Farr said the Portal is building in usefulness. There are web crawlers, downloading of forms, buying on line. This Increasing usage of the portal is creating much work for the Webmaster. Possible solutions to be discussed at the next meeting

11 Date of next meeting.

MONDAY, 21st MARCH 2011 at 5.00 p.m. in the LIBRARY