



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 17:30 MONDAY 5 August 2013

ATTENDEES:

Peter Farr (President), Sallie Davies (Vice President), Deb Beresford (Secretary), Eve Broadley (Treasurer), Irene Froyland, Ian Jarvis, Barrie Baker, Wendy Dekkers, Don Cook, Annemie McAuliffe, Lois Joll.

Note: Ed Lazarus and Arnold Wong are apologies for the year due to work commitments.

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Ed Lazarus, Arnold Wong.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING: 17 June 2013

Minutes were accepted. (Baker/ Froyland)

Business Arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda:

- Name Badges – Pin or Magnetic?
- **ACTION:** B. Baker will supply the President with a list of names from the Historical and Museum Committee, The Sphinx Foundation and the Council.
- **ACTION:** Peter Farr will get a quote once Barrie Baker has supplied the numbers.

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE:

Secretary.

Inward Correspondence: Nil

Outward Correspondence: Letter to Department of Commerce re: Amendments to the Constitution.

Executive Officer: See Correspondence Report.

President:

Peter Farr wrote a letter to Mr. Don Tyler thanking him for his donations to the Scholarship Fund and the Build the Dream fundraising. A Certificate signed by the President of the Perth Modernian Society, Peter Farr, the Governor, Malcolm McCusker and Principal Lois Joll was presented to Mr. Tyler.

Peter Farr has written to Janet Holmes a Court inviting her to be the guest speaker at the annual oration.

Standing Committee Specific:

Finance. A letter has been received from Joshua Cato's mother, thanking the Sphinx Foundation for a bursary.

ITEM 4 STRATEGIC PLANNING

Peter Farr gave copies of the Perth Modernian Society Strategic Plan to the committee. Following Agenda item 14 at the June 2013 meeting of the Council, a brief was prepared and sent to professional persons who could facilitate a Workshop. Mr. Jeff Bell (ResultsWise) proposed a plan, which was considered by Barrie, Eve, Peter and Annemie. It was decided the Second Option was most suited to our organization.

Second Option.

Do this project in-house via a small sub-committee of Council that can include a representative from both the H&M committee and the Sphinx Foundation Inc. and can consult as necessary with the School and members. Follow the four steps of Aims, SWOTs, Strategies, and Implementation. It may still be necessary to engage a facilitator at some stage to bring it together.

The council agreed that it was important for a small committee to get started.

Motion:

"That the Council form a small sub-committee of Council to undertake the development of a draft Perth Modernian Society Strategic Plan, and to submit the draft Plan to a full meeting of Council for endorsement, prior to it being reported to members."

Moved Barrie Baker. Seconded Sallie Davies. Carried.

Irene Froyland and Annemie McAuliffe have agreed to be the conveners of the sub-committee.

ITEM 5 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Report sent out to committee members electronically.

Membership. – 4 Year renewals processing.

The Council needs to set a renewal policy for 2014 as the first 4 Year Contributing memberships were received in April 2010. Renewal notices should be sent out on a set date to avoid unnecessary effort. Firstly a request should be sent out to registered members by email or mail to change to the 4 Year Contributing scheme. They could also be reminded at Reunions

Email or mail invoices November/ December 2014.

ACTION. Don Cook to send out notices to Registered members requesting that they change to the Contributing Scheme.

Magazine. Peter Farr congratulated the Committee who had produced the magazine.

See Sallie Davies' report, which suggests improvements that can then be discussed by the Strategic Planning sub-committee.

E-newsletter. Sallie Davies and Ian Jarvis suggest that a better software package might be better and cheaper than the one currently used. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is 25 August for the 1 September issue.

Portal Revision: Annemie McAuliffe reported that a draft proposal was being prepared. The sub-committee is meeting Stratatel and will then report back to the Council.

ACTION. Annemie McAuliffe and Irene Froyland will meet with Thalia Cole who is the Marketing and Communications manager for the School, to discuss the information about the School, which is on our portal.

Consolidated and Advancement Database. Ian Jarvis reported that MOSAIC and network problems were hampering input of data but were being addressed. Sallie Davies is still imputing regular biographical information on to the database.

ITEM 6 FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Reports sent out to members electronically.

Perth Modernian Society-Operational Finance

Balance as at 5 August	\$13,414.04
Invoices for approval:	
Barrie Baker to be recompensed for overseas mail out	\$141.90
Success Print for Magazine	\$1384.00
Ian Jarvis to be recompensed for labels	\$20.00
Wendy Dekkers recompense for AGM supplies	\$19.57

Annemie McAuliffe moved that the accounts be paid. Seconded Irene Froyland. Carried.

Sphinx Foundation - Scholarship Fund

The Board of the Sphinx Foundation met on the 4th July 2013. The first part of the meeting was a special session during which an invited candidate to join the Board, Mrs. Petrice Judge, met with

current members as part of their due diligence process. An ex student of Perth Modern School, Petrice disclosed a distinguished career. A clinical psychologist, she became Assistant Principal Clinical Psychologist with the WA Health Department. She then transferred to the Department of Premier and Cabinet, becoming Executive Director of the Office of Federal Affairs; Her final position was Acting Deputy Commissioner, Strategic Policy and Planning in the Public Sector. In private life she has had a long association with the Motor Neurone Association of W.A.

All Board members agreed that Petrice demonstrated outstanding personal and professional qualities, which would add to the Board in the performance of its duties. She was invited to join the Board.

The Board recommended that the Council formally endorse Patrice Judge's appointment to the Board of the Sphinx Foundation.

Peter Farr reported that over \$500,000 is now invested for the Scholarship Fund.

With the extra year in Secondary school, it may be necessary to increase the scholarships from 3 to 4 years. An endeavour to mount an appeal for more money may be needed.

Historical and Museum Committee – Operational Finance Special archive boxes have been purchased though the school and these have been paid for.

Balance as at 5 August \$12,255.59

ITEM 7 FORMAL ENDORSEMENT OF PETRICE JUDGE AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE SPHINX FOUNDATION.

A motion was put:

"That the Council formally endorses Patrice Judge's appointment to the Board of the Sphinx Foundation".

Barrie Baker moved. Peter Farr seconded. Carried

ITEM 8 HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Report sent out to committee members electronically.

Draft Discussion Paper. As a result of the Draft Discussion Paper: Where to from here? The following issues were identified.

The need to find and encourage more interested and productive volunteers.

As Student Ambassadors have begun promoting the History Centre through the School, this requires volunteers to work with the Staff and students involved.

The need to ensure and secure the growth and integrity of the H & M finances.

How to ensure and secure the growth and integrity of the H & M IT records.

Deaths. Sallie Davies is appealing for people to give more details about ex student and staff; e.g. Years at School and names and maiden names. She likes to write to the people who notify her and ask for biographical information. An item for the newsletter?

IT. Connection lost with the School upgrade is still a problem but being addressed.

ITEM 9 FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE Annual Reunion Sunday 8th September 2013

Budget. Decided at previous meetings

Menu: Clive and Don have decided on appropriate menu.

Waiters. Clive and staff. Self service.

Bar Staff. Samantha Bushell. Staff should have RSA approval

Glasses. School supply

Tablecloths. Cloths needed for serving tables. Our own supply for other tables

Trestles. School

Mugs. Hire

Liquor application ACTION: Don Cook

Try Booking site: ACTION. Don Cook will set this up. News item on website re: Try Booking under Reunions.

Mealtime. 100 p.m.

Drinks: Wine, soft drink and beer to be supplied. **ACTION.** Eve Broadley

Numbers attending: By 2/9/2013

Event newsletter: ACTION. Ian Jarvis to send this out ASAP.

Can we help in paper?

List of Deceased. ACTION Ian Jarvis will compile a list from records.

Opening and closing of venue. ACTION: Barrie Baker has code.

Memorabilia: Barrie Baker

Parking: Eve Broadley. **ACTION:** Don Cook to contact Nigel Bateman to see if Youth Ambassadors can assist.

Donation to Music: \$5.00 per person attending.

Setting up. Council Members are asked to be at School on Saturday afternoon at **2.00.p.m.**

Sunday. Everyone is asked to be in attendance from **9.30 a.m.**

ITEM 10. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Western Australia 2013 Volunteer Grant to FAHCSIA.

Don Cook put in a submission for a grant but unfortunately our Society was not successful this time.. Previous successful submissions have been through the Sphinx Foundation, so perhaps it is a good idea to follow suit.

It was suggested that other organizations be approached: e.g. Lotteries Commission.

ITEM 11 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Principal, Lois Joll presented her report.

The School will not be getting new buildings for Year 7's. Small classrooms have to be repurposed for Year 7's over the next Year.

School Life

- Year 12 English students attended a day at Curtin University exploring the texts they are studying with experts in the field.
- Ski trip to Hotham ski field took place during July holidays.
- Year 10's Skills Week at the end of the term saw many students on work experience.
- Year 12 Drama students produced and performed in "Hotel Sorrento over 2 nights. They were outstanding.
- The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) testing in Computer skills, Mathematics, English, Science and Writing are currently being undertaken.
- The inaugural Mod Reads event was a success bringing together over 80 students and parents and 11 staff members who read the same book, "The Interrogation of Ashala Wolf." by local author Ambelin Kwaymullina. Participants discussed the book in small groups before hearing from the author in a presentation and open discussion
- Friends of Music held a successful Quiz Night.
- The Governor and School Patron Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC and his wife Tonya, attended the Honours' Assembly where he addressed Years 12's. He thanked Old Modernian Don Tyler for the significant donation he had made to the Sphinx Scholarship Fund and also to the new Health and Fitness Centre.
- The Graduate College of Dance recently celebrated 40 years of operation.
- The School has been hosting several different groups of students from Japan.

- Year 11 Art students enjoyed a visit to the W.A. Art Gallery for the Van Gogh and Beyond Exhibition.
- Numerous individual students and teams have achieved success in all areas, deserving congratulations
- **Staff**
- Congratulations to Mathematics teacher Jacqui Carter who has been nominated for a National Excellence in Teaching Award (NEITA)
- Jane Nicholson (Social Science) has been invited to participate in the Gandel International Holocaust Studies program in January 2014 in Israel.
- Along with over 1400 participants, Lois attended the International Confederation of Principals Conference in Cairns.
- The following teachers have joined the School in Term 3. Brenan Counsel (Social Science); William Leong (Social Science); Vincenzo Perrella (English) and Sarah King (Science).

Facilities

- Regular meetings with the Architecture Design team for the Health and fitness Centre are progressing well. The expected completion date is September 2014 and a building tender will be announced soon.
- New carpet tiles have been laid in 11 classrooms in the Beasley Building. Plans are commencing for a greenhouse for science.

Parents and the Community.

- At the Modernians meeting it was suggested that Janet Holmes a Court be invited to be guest speaker at the annual oration. Janet has kindly accepted the invitation.
- The School Board at its June meeting discussed the implementation of the Business Plan, School policies and student well being.

ITEM 12 REPORT FROM SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

Deb Beresford presented her report.

- The School Board at its June meeting discussed the implementation of the Business Plan, School policies and student well being
- The content of the School website is being reviewed.

In discussion it was decided that the President of the P & C and the Chairman and Board should receive copies of our Newsletters. Perhaps a Sundowner can be organized to meet the Board.

ACTION. Deb Beresford will speak with Warren Barbetti, the Chairman of the School Board.

ITEM 13 GENERAL BUSINESS

Honorary Life Members

Pete Farr suggested that there should be some recognition of Modernians who have contributed to the School in an extraordinary capacity. He suggested that a sub committee be formed to set guidelines, call for nominations etc.. Irene Froyland agreed to be the convener.

ITEM 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 2 September 2013

Meeting dates for 2013.

Monday 28 October 2013

Monday 25 November

All to commence at 17.15

MEETING CLOSURE: 19.05

