



## PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 17:15 MONDAY 28 October 2013**

#### **ATTENDEES:**

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

#### **ITEM 1 APOLOGIES**

Eve Broadley

#### **ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING: 2 September 2013**

Minutes were accepted. (Davies/ Jarvis)

Business Arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda:

- **Outward Correspondence:** Draft Letter of concern about Education cuts to the Minister of Education has been prepared and was circulated to council (refer Agenda Item 13) resulting in suggested changes to be made prior to posting.
- **e-newsletter** online account has been paid.

#### **ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Secretary.**

**Inward Correspondence:**

Email from Alan Porter re: Mail out to annual Reunion

**Outward Correspondence:**

A letter to Alan Porter thanking him for alerting us to a problem of a core group being omitted from the Annual Reunion mail out and thanking him for organizing some of them to attend the reunion.

A letter to Ed Lazarus accepting his resignation from the Council and thanking him for his past service.

A letter to Arnold Wong notifying termination of his period on the Council and thanking him for his past service.

**ACTION:** On behalf of the Council, Deb Beresford is to write a thank you letter to Janet Holmes a` Court for speaking at the Annual Oration.

**Executive Officer:** See Correspondence Report.

**President:**

**Inward Correspondence:**

Nil

**Standing Committee Specific:**

On behalf of the Society, Barrie Baker placed a Death notice in the paper for the late John Down and attended his funeral.

Don Cook reported that a card thanking the Society for the kind and sympathetic message had been received from Mr. Down's daughter, Julia.

#### **ITEM 4 STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Irene Froyland has contacted AICD accredited David Evans who has offered to facilitate the strategic planning process. . He can do it for less than \$3000.

**ACTION:** Irene will prepare a grant application to be made to Lotterywest for financial assistance.

## **ITEM 5 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Report sent out to Council members electronically.

### **Membership.**

Renewal notices to the already 4 Year Contributing members will be sent out in 2015.

Membership Fees?

**ACTION:** Topic for Strategic Plan.

Year 12 Membership applications will be acknowledged in the latest e-newsletter. 22 have joined as contributing members

Staff Membership. Since 1995 staff members have been encouraged to join the Perth Modernian Society.

**ACTION:** Barrie Baker will promote membership at a Staff Meeting.

Appendix A: RTS letters from as far back as 2008.

**ACTION:** Sallie Davies is following up.

### **Magazine**

Copy deadline: 25 May 2014

Circulation July 2014.

### **E-newsletter.**

The next e-newsletter gives information to members about the School of the Year application. Perth Modern School is in the final 4. Sallie, Peter and Barrie represented the Society when the panel came to the school for judging. A point of difference to other finalists is that ours was the only school with an active alumni body.

### **Portal Revision:**

Irene Froyland and Annemie McAuliffe are looking at our website regularly. Don Cook has emailed Thalia Cole an update of our website for the School. The aim is to be up to date and consistent.

**Consolidated and Advancement Database.** Remote access to the database has not been disrupted since the IP Address was changed. Monthly usage has been contained well within the 4GB limit. Accessibility to the Biographical Data base. With changes to School personnel (technicians) and Education Department directives it is still best that this database stands alone from the school network. There are issues of privacy.

MOSAIC. Problems of access since SOE 4 have been frustrating to volunteers.

**ACTION:** Topic for Strategic Plan. MOSAIC networking - backup of the system.

## **ITEM 6 FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING**

Reports sent out to Council members electronically.

### **Perth Modernian Society-Operational Finance**

Balance as at 22 October 2013

\$11909.03

Don Cook reported on Reunion income and expenses.

TryBooking was used for the function. Approximately \$1900 was paid in.

School hire - \$100

Equipment Hire - \$185

### **Sphinx Foundation**

The Board of the Sphinx Foundation Inc. met on 12 September 2013.

At the meeting, Treasurer Peter Farr reported that the Sphinx Foundation Account was low. It was decided that the Board needed to prepare formal budgets for both the Sphinx Foundation and the Scholarship Fund. Starting in 2014, the Scholarship Fund expenses will have to come out of the Scholarship Fund earned income. The budget prepared for the Sphinx Scholarship Fund for 2014 is \$4750.

Barrie Baker reported that a manual would be prepared and put in place for the process of awarding scholarships and bursaries.

### **Scholarship Fund**

The Scholarship Fund has the pleasing balance of \$536,000. In light of the intake of Year 7 students from 2015 onward, it is desirable that the three-year scholarships will have to lengthen their terms from three to four years. This will require the Fund to raise an additional sum of \$125,000 to meet the need, some through annual giving.

Applications for new Year 8 Scholarships close Friday 15 November 2013, and Applications for the Music and Creative Writing Scholarships close Friday 22 November. Perth Modernian Society nominees on the Selection panel are Emeritus Professor Lesley Parker and Barrie Baker.

Ian Jarvis said the Foundation should be congratulated on their achievement.

### **Historical and Museum Committee – Operational Finance**

Sallie Davies enquired about money donated to the H & M from the reunion.

**ACTION:** Eve Broadley will transfer \$185 to the Historical and Museum Committee.

Barrie Baker moved that the reports be accepted. Seconded Irene Froyland. Carried.

### **ITEM 7 HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE**

Report sent out to Council members electronically.

Sallie Davies requested a new badge for a new volunteer.

**ACTION:** Peter Farr will give the blank badges to Sallie.

#### ***New Acquisitions received for the Archives.***

A hatband belonging to Myrtle Hoffman donated by her brother Norm Hoffman.

A poetry book belonging to Joe Parsons and given to Dorothy (Milner) and Reg Forsaith by Mrs. May Parsons, donated by their daughter Helen Wilson.

A table cloth and table napkin embroidered by Dorothy (Milner) Forsaith with the School crest and her wedding date, donated by Helen Wilson.

School photos from 2010 to 2013.

A bound book of Media releases for 2011 and 2012 donated by the School.

#### ***E-newsletter.***

There will be a tribute to the late John Down in the next enewsletter.

#### ***Grant Application to the W.A. History Foundation Inc.***

Unsuccessful.

#### ***Function.***

An end of year function for our volunteers and the School staff is being planned.

### **ITEM 8 FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE**

#### **Evaluation of the Annual Reunion: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Ceremony and Concert in the Auditorium.** A major blue was the lack of a public address system. Unfortunately overlooked as Cheryl was away on the Friday. There was also a problem for elderly people exiting the external steps, as there is no handrail. Lois acknowledged the problem, which is difficult to address, as it is a heritage building. There is an alternative exit for disabled.

**Menu:** There were good and bad reports. Some people did not realize there were a wide variety of foods available once they had sat down.

**Supplies.** The supply was plentiful. There were no grumbles about the setting, food and drinks.

**Set up: Sat 7 Sept.** This went smoothly. Acknowledge that Barrie had to come back at 9.00 p.m. to retrieve the tables being used for the election.

**Attendees.** Although lower in numbers, people enjoyed the function.

**Vehicle control:** With the small number of attendees, people parked themselves.

**Sale of History books and memorabilia:** A table was available, mainly School memorabilia sold.

**History Centre.** A good turnout, as people had been directed there when collecting nametags.

**Finance.** Final figures not available but Barrie did not think we had made a loss.

**Follow Up. ACTION:** Peter will give a copy of his speech to Sallie for the e-newsletter.

**Timing of Reunion.** Agenda item for next meeting.

#### **ITEM 9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT.**

Don Cook presented his report

The School is having a drinks party for the last 5 years graduates at the end of November.

Decade reunions organized by ex students, and for which school Don will conduct school tours will be held in November. Sallie will also have the History Centre open.

10 year reunion for the class of 2003 will be on Friday 22 November at 5.30 p.m.

20 year reunion for the class of 1993 will be on Saturday 23 November at 3.00 p.m.

Liquor license for Annual Reunions. An appeal will go out in the e-newsletter for members who have an Approved Manager status who can be approached for next year's reunion.

As the form for the Year 12 membership did not have the school's credit card arrangements on it, perhaps a table can be set up for membership at the Graduation Ceremony.

**ACTION:** Don Cook will contact Lauryl Wallace who will liaise with Barrie Baker.

#### **ITEM 10 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

The Principal, Lois Joll presented her written report.

The Governor of Western Australia and School Patron Malcolm McCusker AC CVO QC and his wife Tonya addressed the Year 12 students at their Honours' Assembly and personally thanked Old Modernian Don Tyler for his significant donation to the Sphinx Scholarship Fund and to the new Health and Fitness Centre.

Janet Holmes a` Court gave the 2013 Oration to Year 11 students and Sphinx members.

The School is one of the finalists in the Secondary School of the Year category of the W.A. Education awards, which will be announced on December 2.

Students have experience success in debating, Community service, SCRAM, and concerts.

Jasmine Jansen and Jamin Wu are the Head Girl and Head Boy for 2014.

Two country students are recipients of Rio Tinto Scholarships worth \$10000 each.

Academically students have excelled.

Individual national and state award winners in the National History Challenge.

Year 9 students named Team of the Year in the Australian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad.

Top School in Japanese in W.A. winning the Language Perfect World Championship Cup.

Many individual students have won prestigious awards, both nationally and in W.A.

IT Technicians, Jaime Klein and Adrian Morgan are leaving the School to take up permanent positions. They have provided excellent service to the School.

The preparation of the tenders for building the Gymnasium are in the final stages and will go out shortly.

The new netted sports precinct that is being constructed on the old tennis court is progressing. A net pole infrastructure is being installed to house the retractable nets for the five cricket practice wickets. Once constructed it will be an enclosed space for teaching soccer, hockey and cricket with artificial turf.

#### **ITEM 11 REPORT FROM SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD**

Deb Beresford presented her report.

- The Board at its September meeting discussed the analysis of the Community Surveys.
- Board feedback on the School Website has been forwarded to the website manager.

- The Board noted the excellent application for School of the Year and proposes finding ways to use the information to publicise the School and its achievements.
- The Board endorsed the Anti Bullying Policy.
- Focus Area 4 Resourcing requires review in light of the Minister's announcement on Education Funding cuts.
- The Board noted that the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> November should be open to the public.
- The Board acknowledged Carine Murphy's significant contribution to the School, students and the music programme and expressed its sadness and sympathy for her colleagues, students and family.

### **ITEM 13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **Letter to Minister.**

- More clarification was added to the letter.
- Copy to be sent to local MLA Bill Marmion.

#### **Last Meeting of the Year**

**ACTION:** Deb Beresford will liaise with the School for the dates of our meetings for 2014.

### **ITEM 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

Monday 25 November 2013

To commence at 17.15

MEETING CLOSURE: 19.18 p.m.