



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 17:15 MONDAY 1 September 2014

ATTENDEES:

Peter Farr (President), in the chair, Sallie Davies (Vice President), Annemie McAuliffe (Vice President) Eve Broadley (Treasurer). Deb Beresford (Secretary), Barrie Baker, Ian Jarvis, Lois Joll (Principal), Dr John Mortimer (Observer)

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES

Irene Froyland

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF Ordinary meeting of Council 4 August 2014

The minutes were accepted. (Jarvis/Davies)

Business Arising not covered elsewhere in the Agenda:

2.1 Perth Modernian Society Award System. Report circulated electronically. The Awards Committee, Sallie Davies and Irene Froyland, recommend that each recipient of a Perth Modernian Award be recognised by:

- Being presented with a formal, framed certificate and an engraved glass paperweight, and
- Having their name inscribed on an Honour Board in the Museum, History Centre.

A sample glass paperweight was on display for the Councilors for comment. Sallie and Irene recommended jarrah boards for each category to be mounted in the History Centre, The Council congratulated Sallie Davies, Malcolm McCusker and Don Tyler on being the inaugural recipients of the awards, in each case 'Modernian Fellow'.

ACTION: Sallie Davies requested further discussion on the selection process when Irene Froyland is present.

2.2 Letter to Minister for Education follow up.

The date for the meeting with representatives of the Minister for Education, Peter Collier, has been changed again to 5 September 2014. Further reductions of resources and staffing to Perth Modern School will be the focus to be pushed by the deputation representing the Society.

ACTION: President to report back to next Council mtg.

2.3 Executive Officer's Role.

Individual Reunions.

Irene Froyland and Annemie McAuliffe have agreed to take on this part of the role.

Membership Officer. Ed Lazarus is to be approached to take on this role when he returns from holiday.

ACTION: Barrie Baker

2.4 Annual Oration for 2014 by Dr Phillip Playford AM on Tuesday 9 September 2014. Peter Farr reminded the meeting of the event.

2.5 Dr John Mortimer has been invited to attend the meeting (with observer status) as a potential Councilor.

Peter Farr introduced John Mortimer, who is one of the organizers of the 1964 50th Reunion, who spoke of his background and interests. Councilors were invited to ask questions or comment, with the hope that he would join the Council.

ACTION: Peter Farr to follow up with John Mortimer.

ITEM 3 CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward Correspondence:

A letter was received from Sallie Davies thanking the Perth Modernian Society for her 'Modernian Fellow' award.

Outward Correspondence:

None tabled, but in his capacity as President, Peter Farr had formally written to Sallie Davies, Malcolm McCusker and Don Tyler on 24th August 2014 inviting each of them to accept the award of 'Modernian Fellow'.

ITEM 4 STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Council commended the inaugural Strategic Plan 2014-2017 document produced by the sub committee of Annemie, Irene, Ian and Peter. Also involved with the design was Steve Castledine. A version will be produced to put on our website. A copy will be sent to Lotterywest and to our Facilitator, David Evans. Copies will also be sent to the Board, the P & C and the school staff, requesting that they look at our plan when addressing theirs.

ITEM 5 COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Report circulated electronically.

CONSOLIDATED DATABASE

Ian Jarvis has added a new field titled, 'War Grave', to the database to allow entry of a link to the Google Map project produced by Neil Coy. The links will be added progressively as time permits.

NEWSLETTERS

e-Newsletter

Deadline for copy for next issue: 20 September 2014 (Reunion photographs please)

Deadline for final issue for 2014: 20 November 2014

Deadline for first issue for 2015: 20 February 2015

Magazine

Deadline for copy for next issue 30 April 2015 – to be circulated July 2015

eVent Notice

A reminder for Annual Reunion was sent out on 8 August.

MOSAIC Computers

We are still awaiting the repair of the wireless access point that services the History Centre (located in Stage Door Building). Mosaic can only be accessed from the Archive Room in the Library.

MEMBERSHIP

Perth Modernian Society - New Members From 03/08/2014 to 30-Aug-14

Contributing 4Yr (2)

Ian reported that there are nearly 50% more Contributing 4-year memberships than a year ago.

New

Playford, Philip 1944-48 Student

Renewed

Ewers, Pat (Kotai-Ewers) 1952-56 Student

Registered (3)

New

Baxter, Paul 1974-76 Student

Perry, Helen (Osborne) 1962-66 Student

Perry, Julia (Colleran) 1974-78 Student

ANNUAL REUNION

4 Contributing members paid on the day so the number attending was 100.

1/3 used Trybooking to register and pay for the Annual Reunion.

ITEM 6 FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING

Reports circulated electronically.

6.1 Perth Modernian Society-Operational Finance

Current balance as at 27/8/14 is \$17,951.58

Fundraising. Football parking money not yet allocated. Eve suggested that the School be approached to allocate 2 days; one for the Society and one for the Sphinx Foundation.

Our commitment to posting out the magazine is an expense to be considered- \$1273

Accounts to be paid in September:

Insurance Policy

Motion:

"That the Council authorizes the Treasurer to pay the account when it is due"

(Baker/Davies). Carried

ACTION: Eve Broadley to confer with Peter Farr and Barrie Baker and pay Insurance Policy account.

The newsletter online account will need to be paid.

Motion:

"That the Council authorizes Ian Jarvis to pay the e-newsletter account of \$443 online and to be reimbursed at the next Council meeting"

(Broadley/Baker). Carried

6.2 SPHINX FOUNDATION

The Board has set up a committee (Baker, Broadley, Judge) to plan up to three possible functions:

- September morning/afternoon tea in the McCusker Room to thank generous donors
- November major function at Petrice Judge's home to attract major donors
- Possible February function.

The possibility of combining the February function with fundraising for a School project will be considered.

Objection was raised that a Sphinx Foundation social event should not be the place for Perth Modernian Society awards to be given out. It is not a Foundation award but a Perth Modernian Society Award.

6.3 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

48 people have responded so far to the Annual Giving appeal, contributing \$48,000.

Total of all donations from 2007 to August 2014 is \$580,354. Via judicious investment policy, the appeal fund stands at \$624,000, including unrealized capital gains of approx \$43,000 from shares and unlisted property trusts. Income received from investments 2007 to August 2014 = \$76,217.

92 Scholarships and bursaries have so far been awarded (to February 2014)

Total scholarships and Bursary payouts (to February 2014) \$77,974.

Entry scholarship winners are being funded at \$1,060 per annum for 3 years=\$3,180.

In 2015 it is planned for:

- 8 x Year 8 Entry Scholarships of 3 years duration, at \$1,060 per annum for 3 years
- 6 x Year 7 Entry Scholarships of 4 years duration, at \$1060 per annum for 4 years
- \$1000 for Principal's discretionary bursaries.

6.4 Historical and Museum Committee – Operational Finance.

No change as the Treasurer is away.

ITEM 7 HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE

Report circulated electronically.

Sallie reported that a group of students are intending to revive the Sphinx magazine.

Hina and Andrew Stevens (P & C) prepared the documentation for a grant to the W.A. History Foundation for the Heritage Trail.

Motion:

"That the Council express appreciation to Andrew and Hina Stevens who have worked on the documentation applying for a grant to the W.A. History Foundation for the Heritage Trail"

(Jarvis/Beresford) Carried.

ACTION: Deb Beresford to write a letter of appreciation to Andrew and Hina Stevens.

1. Work/activity facilities

- Staff/Student database (Biographical, Scholarships + Membership) – updating continuing
- MOSAiC Database (Memorabilia, Photographs, Documents held in Archives + Science Collection)
Slow progress in archives, little progress with Science Collection (Report from Alan)
- Rod, Alison and Robyn have returned from travels.
- Computers and Electronic Displays – further information sought by Lotterywest
- Leak during storm has stained wall and carpet and affected electrical connections
This was reported to the School authorities and electrical connections have been checked.
Stains to be attended to by School management at a time to be determined.
- Preparation for National Science Week Yr 8 visit and 2014 Annual Reunion.
- Three Commemorative Chairs donated by McCusker family checked and returned for display in Beasley Building
- National Science Week Yr 8 visit postponed to Term 4 due to School tests

2. Visitors and meetings

- Hine Stevens (P&C) re grant application due 5 September
- Helen Spencer re Commemorative chair

3. Deaths

Ivan Tom Elliott	Student 1931-34	Staff 1973-78, 80s	16/06/2014	Teacher
Richard Jack Smythe	Student 1944-45		14/07/2014	Teacher
Brian Robert Norton Williams	Student 1941-45		17/03/2014	Pharmacist
'Queenie' Fogarty (nee Lynch)	Student 1932-33	School Prefect 1933 Staff 1942	30/07/2014	Teacher; State Hockey Teams 1935-6, 1938-9 State Badminton 1939
Hazel Mary Negus (nee Crabbe)	Student 1929-30		04/06/2014	Teacher (aged 101)
Noel Francis Costello	Student 1955-56		13/08/2014	Teacher
Ken Wood	Student 1931-34		?	

4. Research

- Expanded time line to guide selection of historical display items and information (continuing)
- History of Student/Staff involvement time line (continuing)
- Identifying Prefects for 1911, 1912 (continuing)
- Heritage Trail (continuing) – two responses to Magazine article
- 100 years of The Sphinx for Annual Reunion Display

ITEM 8 FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE

Annual Reunion.

Barrie Baker thanked everyone for helping with the Annual Reunion.

Questionnaire: ~30 responses. The result of the Questionnaire and comments, which were mostly complimentary, were read out by Sallie Davies. Summary of the results will be published in the e-newsletter. Discussion took place regarding preferences of some ex-students for Class Reunions versus the Annual Reunion, and the very obvious lack of interest by the 'young cohort' of ex students.

Parking. We must remember to open the basketball gates.

Program - Moderna Scola/Schola. We must assist and ask Music to sort out Moderna Scola (i.e. Spelling, Words attributed to whom and music by Stephen Dornan).

Overall, people enjoyed it, including the catering.

Peter Farr officially thanked Barrie for coordinating the Reunion, and the volunteers who assisted with the setting up, etc.

ITEM 9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Executive Officer's Role

Phone Calls. At the moment Barrie Baker is monitoring phone call messages.

ACTION: Ian Jarvis will investigate having phone call messages (voicemail) redirected to email which can then be sent to appropriate persons.

Membership Officer.

ACTION: Barrie Baker will contact Ed Lazarus who previously held the Membership Officer position.

Reunion Coordinator.

ACTION: Irene Froyland and Annemie McAuliffe will work together.

ITEM 10 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Principal, Lois Joll presented her report.

School Life

With the recent announcement of changes to State Government Funding of secondary schools and the impact it will have on Perth Modern School, a submission has been made to the Department of Education to reconsider funding decisions.

An exceptionally busy Term 3, with students participating in a large array of competitions, awards, festivals, and charity drives, drama productions and music ensembles. Year 12 students are preparing for the Mock exams. There has been a whole school production of Wizard of Oz over three nights. The school's bands and orchestras have performed at the ABODA Festival. Debating teams have enjoyed success in reaching final rounds. The House Athletics Carnival provided an opportunity for all students to enjoy a physically challenging, fun and collegial day. Year 8 English students performed extremely well in the Children's Book Council Make Your Own Storybook competition, winning first, second and third in the Story Book section and second in the Picture Book Category.

Student Council elections have taken place for Years 8 and 11.

Many students are to be congratulated for their success in a variety of events.

Staff News

Val Furphy has left for her six week Churchill Fellowship study tour.

Nina Nash, Ant Meczes, Jacqui Carter, Quita Berry and Lisa Andrews have been nominated for the 2014 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Facilities

New Gymnasium Project

The frame of the new Gym building has been erected and with the demolition of the walkthrough area in the old Gym building, the final "look" of the project is plain to see.

Old Gym Building.

Other areas to be refreshed are the lower windows around the building and drinking fountains; the old drink fountains on the basketball courts will be removed and new ones installed in the undercover walkthrough area. The interior of the old canteen will be repaired and refreshed to act as a servery area to service the new building for events

Lift project

The School is planning to install a lift in the old Gym Building and planning is underway.

Andrews Building Landscaping Project

Final decisions regarding the provision of recreation equipment in this area is being made after consultation with the incoming Year 7 and Year 8 students.

Air Cooling Program

Two classrooms and a workroom in the Beasley Building as well as the Auditorium are to be completed. The central area of the Andrews Building will also have reverse cycle air conditioning. This is expected to be completed in the January holidays.

Roberts Road Garden Project.

Thanks to the generosity of a parent, Sue McDougall, a landscaping plan for Roberts Road car park has provided a framework for the gardeners to work to with many hours of designing and planting taking place.

Gardham/Mill Year 9 Area

Landscaping for the area is in the planning stage.

Scholarships

Peter Farr asked Lois how the selection process for scholarships is progressing in Val Furphy's absence

The Scholarship application forms are being drafted: 1 set for Year 7 entry and 1 set for Year 8 entry.

When these are completed parents may apply. The return date is before Val returns.

Plans of the School

An ex student as part of her university studies is preparing a report on the Heritage Building. Lois assured Sallie that the plans are still in the school.

Reunions involving the School

- Lois proposed that an email address could be listed on the School website: Reunions@..... and a staff member could receive and deal with any incoming emails to that address.
- Now that Don Cook is no longer involved, the Society requested that someone from the School could perhaps take on some liaison responsibility. Lois suggested Cheryl Lindorff and Susan Kohlen.
- A Reunions Kit could be prepared dealing with such aspects as Liaison persons; use of School facilities; Liquor Licenses; etc.

ACTION: Annemie McAuliffe and Irene Froyland to meet with Cheryl Lindorff and Susan Kohlen

ITEM 11 REPORT FROM SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

Reports circulated electronically.

Student Council Report

Interschool council meeting was held. Issues discussed included student leadership, IT, increasing involvement of house and form captains.

Council elections – 4 new Yr 9s elected.

The Orchestra and band festivals are coming up, as well as Wizard of Oz.

Finance Report

Excellent assessment outcome from audit.

Facilities Report

Two classrooms and an office in the Beasley building will have air-cooling completed this term.

Business Arising

Correspondence in.

Dept of Education – 2014 Education Awards. Focus is on Aboriginal education. Nominations of individual staff invited.

Business Plan

Report on all Business Plan targets tabled.

Resources - work on IT continuing

The Board noted it is a very useful report. Would like to see measures against targets added.

IPS Review Outcome

Report tabled.

The Board was pleased to see commendations at the end of the report.

LJ commented that commendations are the top level that can be achieved. Excellent outcome.

The report will be placed on the school web site in due course.

Principal's report

Award of Churchill Scholarship to Val Furphy noted. Presentation to Board by Val will be made at the conclusion of her activities.

Recreational equipment options for junior years 7 and 8. Will invite P&C to consider funding support. Changes to the school budget were discussed. The Department has given preliminary information and figures for the 2015 budget, and 5-year transition to the new funding model. The School's overall budget is expected to reduce on this basis, in 2015 and further in later years.

The Executive is exploring options to maximize the school's budget and/or minimize the impact of the reduction in budget to the school. The Board will be invited to assist if required.

Community

Janice Jones summarized a recent discussion with our Subiaco Councilor representative.

There are several council matters that may impact the school, including potential Council mergers, a new development/planning policy for the precinct that includes the school, the future of Subiaco Oval, and related issues.

The concept of using parking spaces to make money during school holidays was raised. Parking around the new gym may be used in that way. Efficient management is an issue, but the Executive is pursuing the idea.

General Business

Review of tenure of Board members.

It was generally agreed that electing two new parent members each year is preferable to three new members every two years out of three. A transition to this arrangement was not finalized, but will be investigated.

Lois Joll said there could be a possible change to Staff board members: two *ex officio* members, (Principal, plus another senior member selected by Principal), and two elected teachers. Proposal requires change to the terms of reference.

The Chair, Janice Jones, will draft those changes to the terms of reference.

ACTION: Deb Beresford to check if her name is included as a member of the School Board on the school website

ITEM 12 General Business

Annemie McAuliffe is an apology for the next meeting on Monday 27 October 2014.

MOSAIC computer not working at all because it uses Windows XP, which is now blocked by the

Department of Education

The flood between the library and ICHR has also destroyed wireless access between the Museum and the Archive Room

ACTION: Ian Jarvis to investigate a solution and report.

Meeting Minutes.

The President recommended that as a matter of good governance practice, an ongoing Action List should be used.

ACTION: Peter to provide an Action List template to the Secretary

ITEM 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

Monday 27 October 2014

To commence at (17.15) 5.15 p.m.

MEETINGS FOR 2014

Monday 24 November 2014.

MEETING CLOSURE: 19.30 p.m.

Perth Modernian Society Council - OPEN ACTIONS

ACTION No.	MEETING DATE	CLASSIFICATION	MINUTES SECTION #	ACTION DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	STATUS at date of most recent mtg	COMMENTS	ACTIONEE
1	1/9/2014	Perth Modernian Society Award System	2.1	Sallie Davies requested further discussion on the selection process.	24/11/2014	Pending	when Irene Froyland is present	Hon. Sec. (agenda item)
2	1/9/2014	School Resourcing	2.2	Mtg with Minister for Education's Policy Officers - President to report back to next Council mtg.	27/10/2014	Pending	Deputation to meet on 4/9/2014	PF
3	1/9/2014	Membership Officer	2.3 and 9	Ed Lazarus is to be approached to take on this role	30/9/2014	Pending	when Ed Lazarus returns from holiday.	Barrie Baker
4	1/9/2014	Council membership	2.5	President to follow up with John Mortimer.	5/9/2014	Pending		PF
5	1/9/2014	Accounts to be paid in September	6.1	Eve Broadley to pay Insurance Policy account.	30/9/2014	Pending	to confer with Peter Farr and Barrie Baker	Treasurer
6	1/9/2014	Historical and Museum Committee	7	Deb Beresford to write a letter of appreciation to Andrew and Hina Stevens.	30/9/2014	Pending	Grant application to the W.A. History Foundation for the Heritage Trail.	Hon. Sec.
7	1/9/2014	Executive Officer's Role	9	Ian Jarvis will investigate having phone call messages (voicemail) redirected to email which can then be sent to appropriate persons	27/10/2014	Pending		IJ
8	1/9/2014	Reunion Coordinator.	9	Irene Froyland and Annemie McAuliffe will work together	27/10/2014	Pending		AM & IF
9	1/9/2014	Reunions involving the School	10	Annemie McAuliffe and Irene Froyland to meet with Cheryl Lindorff and Susan Kohlen	27/10/2014	Pending		AM & IF

10	1/9/2014	School Board	11	Deb Beresford to check if her name is included as a member of the School Board on the School website	30/9/2014	Pending		DB
11	1/9/2014	IT systems -	12	Ian Jarvis to investigate a solution and report	27/10/2014	Pending	wireless access not operational between the Museum and the Archive Room	IJ
12	1/9/2014	Meeting Minutes	12	Peter to provide an Action List template to the Secretary	30/9/2014	Pending		PF