



PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE HISTORY CENTRE 16:15 MONDAY 20 November 2017

ATTENDEES; Peter Farr (President); Barrie Baker (A/Functions) in the Chair; Sallie Davies (H&MC); Eve Broadley (Treasurer); Deb Beresford (Secretary); Irene Froyland (Awards/Reunions); Barbara Mallett; Ed Lazarus (Membership). Lois Joll (Principal)

APOLOGIES : Geoff Soutar (Vice President) Ian Jarvis (Communications);

ITEM 1. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Lois Joll)

The Principal, Lois Joll reported that the busy calendar of events has continued in Term 4 with examinations for students in Years 10-12, farewells to the Class of 2017, a variety of excursions, camps, Honour assemblies and theatre performances. The 2017 Year 12 Presentation Ceremony was held in the Tyler McCusker Sports Centre on Saturday, 18 November. The Principals report includes a list of the 2017 Prize Winners. Prior to the Year 12 Presentation Ceremony, a Pin Ceremony for incoming Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 students in 2018 was held. Many students received awards and accolades since the last report. These include academic and sporting successes as well as selection to various national tours, summers schools and team events.

The School had two teachers nominated for a People's Choice Award. Jamie Morris (Science) and Noemi Reynolds (Mathematics)

Maintenance around the school and capital projects are ongoing or completed. The fire escape to the Beasley Building has been replaced and additional funding (\$180K) for restoration of a small part of the Beasley building is in progress.

Peter offered congratulations on the Presentation Ceremony, the choir and the students who have done well. Nice to have the event on school grounds. Parents who do voice dissatisfaction in the school are in the minority. Most love what the school does. It was disappointing that the Save Perth Modern School campaign was not mentioned at the Presentation Ceremony. Less students applied for Sphinx scholarships this year. Country students an issue – are they not taking up places or just not represented? Awareness? Or is the culture of the school changing - A more affluent clientele?

ITEM 2. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 3: CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward Correspondence.

Outward Correspondence.

24 October email from the President to Principal, Lois Joll, and Board Chairman Michael Henderson to advise that at its meeting on 23rd October 2017, the Perth Modernian Society Council nominated Deborah Beresford to fill the Board member vacancy created recently by the resignation of Dr Irene Froyland.

27 October letter from the Perth Modernian Society Inc. to the P.M.S. Board members regarding Adverse Publicity about Perth Modern School.

30 October letter of thanks to Dr Judyth Watson for Modernian Oration 2017.

Following on discussion about the letter sent to the School Board 27 October 2017, it was decided that a motion of confidence in the school Executive be sent to the Principal of the school and the Director General of Education, Sharyn O'Neill.

Motion:

"That the Perth Modernian Society Council expresses its unconditional confidence in and support for the current school executive at Perth Modern School and that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the Principal and Director General of Education"

Moved: Barrie Baker. Seconded: Eve Broadley. Carried unanimously.

ITEM 4. MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of Ordinary meeting of Council 28 August 2017 were accepted.

Moved Irene Froyland. Seconded Barrie Baker. Carried.

4.2 Minutes of the Special General Meeting at 12.30 p.m. Sunday 10th September 2017 were accepted.

Moved Barrie Baker. Seconded Ed Lazarus. Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes: None

ITEM 5. STATUS OF CURRENT ACTIONS IN THE ACTIONS ITEMS RUNNING SHEET

ACTION ITEMS

See ACTION SHEET

The following items have been discussed, deleted or completed.

Item 151. Completed. \$1500 sustains the prize for English for the next 10 years. With our name in the Graduation program, this helps to raise the profile of the Society

Item 175. Discussed. Perth Modernian Society and Sphinx Foundation Constitutions.

Rule 46. Register of Members – electronic data base. Entitled to inspect the records. Clause 10.

ACTION: (175) Barrie Baker is to create a register of all members of the Sphinx Board

ACTION: (175) Deb Beresford is to have a paper list of all members.

Item 180. Deleted. Advertise for prospective alumni members through University magazines. Notice for University noticeboards to be part of Orientation Weeks 2018.

Item 181. Completed. "Unsubscribed" emails will be dealt with on an ad hoc basis.

Item 182. Completed. Finance PM Society Operational Account now with Westpac. Signatories are Eve Broadley, Deb Beresford, Barrie Baker and Ian Jarvis. Ed Lazarus read only.

Item 190. Completed. 25 Perth Modernian Society membership badges ordered.

Item 184. Completed Heritage Day 14th October. Event Notice was sent out to members.

ITEM 6. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT. Report circulated electronically

Jarvis e-XMod Database (JED)

Data entry of past students and teachers is continuing.

MOSAIC

Angela Jones attended a Mosaic course in October to enable her to assist in data entry.

NEWSLETTERS

e-Newsletter

Next e-Newsletter

20 November: deadline for copy for circulation early **December 2017.**

Proposed deadlines for copy 2018

20 February to publish March 1.

20 May to publish June 1.

20 September to publish October 1.

20 November to publish December 1.

Magazine for Contributing Members

Proposed deadline for copy 2018

25 May to publish and mail July after school holidays.

MEMBERSHIP

Perth Modernian Society – Member Changes From 22 October 2017 to 19 November 2017

There were 5 new Contributing 4Yr members and 1 renewal. Thirteen new registered members.

ACTION: (147) Encourage and approach staff to join the Society

ITEM 7: FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT. Report circulated electronically.

7.1 SPHINX FOUNDATION

The Scholarship Selection Panel met on October 25 to allocate scholarships/bursaries among the 15 applicants starting Year 7 in 2018. A record number of 13 scholarships and 2 bursaries were awarded

The Sphinx Foundation Board met on 16 November.

The Year 7 Entry Sphinx Scholarships have been awarded to students for 3 years, with the proviso that pending continuing financial need and satisfactory academic progress with Sphinx Scholarship Fund cash balances permitting, these scholarships could be extended to 4 years. The Treasurer presented that current balances can allow for the 5 students affected to receive the extra years funding. A motion agreeing to allow the Treasurer to proceed was passed by the Board.

2017 has been an excellent year, not just because of the increased number of scholarships awarded, but because around \$110,000 in donations has been received and the fund has reached a total of \$870000.

7.2 PERTH MODERNIAN SOCIETY – OPERATIONAL FINANCE:

Eve Broadley presented the Bank balance statement for total funds 17/11/2017	\$22632.42
Term deposit with Anglican Fund	\$16000
Westpac Account balance	\$6632.42
Balance of the Fighting Fund	\$333.46

Fighting Fund money. School Sculpture

Money from left over Fighting Fund. Build amount to \$750 from PM Society providing we have funds. Peter will consult Lois about amount.

ACTION (191) An item will be included in the next newsletter of what is intended. Members may wish to contribute towards the sculpture as well.

Challenges for 2018

There will be no football parking so it will be difficult to make a profit. A possibility is an increase in membership fees. Getting new graduates involved is a further challenge.

The Strategic Plan Review may bring ideas

7.3 SPHINX FOUNDATION FINANCE REPORT

Peter Farr tabled the Management Report: Sphinx Scholarship Fund for the period ended 31 December 2017, which was prepared 16 November 2017. This includes the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet.

The Scholarship Fund net earnings is \$115,018.43. The total assets in the fund are \$888,763.54 which does not include evaluation of portfolio.

7.4 HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE – OPERATIONAL FINANCE

There is no change since last report.

ITEM 8: HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE. Report circulated electronically.

Perth Modernian Society Museum Association Constitution

8.2.1 Historical and Museum Committee recommendations to Council.

- The Council endorses an Interim Board for the Museum Association until the new Board for the Museum Association is set up. The current members of the committee are the present members of the H&M committee.
- The Committee seeks a loan from the Perth Modernian Society to finance the interim Board in the establishment of the new Museum Association. The Committee believes that a precedent for such a request was set up in the establishment of the Sphinx Foundation and the early administration of the Sphinx Scholarship Fund. The Council is not prepared to fund the establishment of the new Museum Association. Funding must be preceded by many steps. A budget must be set for things like a feasibility study, mail out, launch, fundraising etc. A loan which would have to be repaid, will not be considered until the DGR status is confirmed, ABN is received and a budget is set.
- The Council is prepared to give in principle support to endorse and acknowledge the final draft **Expression of Interest** document to be tabled for Council following the H&M Committee meeting scheduled for 11.00 a.m. on Monday 20 November 2017

ITEM 10: FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE:

Report circulated electronically.

10.1 Annual General Meeting

Sallie suggested that as the launching of the Perth Modernian Society Museum Association (Inc.) is planned for early 2018, that the guest speaker do something on a museum theme.

10.2 Annual Reunion & Concert

Nothing to report

10.3 Perth Modernian Society Annual Oration for 2018**10.4. New Graduates Function.**

Sundowner to be organized for new graduates. Approach recent prize winners at first assembly of the year when they are recognized by the School.

ACTION: (147) Eve and Irene will speak to Nicola Reilly (Staff) who has ideas. Peter/Barrie and those attending, to approach recent graduates at first assembly.

ITEM 10: REUNION COORDINATION REPORT

The Class of 1981 visited the History Centre on the 19/11/2017. They intend to meet before Christmas to gather memorabilia, some of which may be donated to the H&M. There has been a huge increase in interest since the Save Perth Modern School Campaign.

ACTION: (179) A link will be put on the website to their Facebook page.

50 Years of Music.at Perth Modern School. 1968-2018. This group are planning a reunion event in early 2018

ITEM 11: REPORT FROM SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

Irene Froyland has the minutes of meetings and a copy of Board records from her time during her term of office. Deb Beresford will attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 21 November 2017.

ACTION: (193) The following resolution will be tabled at the Board meeting.

“That the Perth Modernian Society Council expresses its unconditional confidence in and support for the current school executive at Perth Modern School and that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the Principal and Director General of Education.”

Also tabled should be the letters to the Board from the President to the Board (27/10/2017) and the letter from June Stephenson.

ITEM 12: REVISION OF STRATEGIC PLAN 2014-2017

The planned day will be held in early 2018 - preferably a Saturday morning. An external facilitator will run the morning.

ITEM 13: GENERAL BUSINESS.

Calendar: Updated monthly. Please refer to it and let Secretary know of changes.

The President, Peter Farr, thanked everyone for their commitment to the Society in a particularly difficult year.

ITEM 14: DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th February 2018. To be Confirmed

All meetings to commence at 16.15

MEETINGS FOR 2018

TBA

MEETING CLOSURE: 19.25

ACTI ON No.	MEETI NG DATE	CLASSIFICATI ON	MINU TES SECT ION #	ACTION DESCRIPTION	DUE DATE	STATUS at date of most recent mtg	COMMENTS	ACTIONE E
147	24/10/ 2016	Functions:	10	Investigate what sort of function would appeal to new young members	Feb/ March 2018	In Progress	Sundowner to be organized for recent graduates in past 10 years. IF, EB to speak to Nikki Reilly Approach star performers at first assembly 2018. Faceboo k page. Encourage Staff to join Society.	BB, IF, EB
164	13/3/2 017	General Business: Strategic Plan	12	Revisit the Strategic plan at the end of this year.	31/12/ 2017	Ongoing	First part of 2018. Facilitator suggested. Working relationship with the school.	GS, BB
167	8/05/2 017	Council Elections	1.2	Ratification of Sphinx Foundation nominee to the Council.	12/06/ 2017	Ongoing	The Chairman of the Sphinx Foundation will put this on the agenda for their next meeting.	BB, PF,
175	12/06/ 2017	Constitutions	3	Status of the Three Constitutions.	31/07/ 2017	Ongoing	H&M approved. Sphinx Foundation and PMSociety conditional approval. Create register of all members of Sphinx Board Secretary Society to have paper list of all members	BB, DB

176	12/06/2017	Historical & Museum Committee: History of music at P.M.S.	9.3.	Music at Mod. A section for Music will be put on our Website.	31/07/2017	Ongoing	Music at Mod committee to come in to report on 27/11/2017	SD
179	12/06/2017	Reunion Coordination	11	Class of 1977-1981 is interested to know if there is a Year reunion for them this year	31/07/2017	Ongoing	30-40 attended. They intend to gather memorabilia to donate to H&M. Link to be made to their Facebook page	IJ
185	23/10/17	correspondence	3	Permission to publish Matthew Swinburne and Sue Ellery's letters on website	20/11/17	In Progress	Ian will put the 2 letters on the website Check Website	IJ
186	23/10/17	Communications	6	Honour Awards updated	20/11/17	In Progress	The file and memory stick have been given to Irene so that the information is updated in the Honours and Awards policy. When done, return to Secretary.	DB, IF
187	23/10/17	Communications Members	6	Contributing members who have not kept up instalment payments to be contacted	20/11/17	In Progress	Scholarship donors made members. Others informed instalment category obsolete. Encourage all to convert to Contributing 4Year membership.	IJ
188	23/10/17	Communications Members	6	Missing members to be traced	20/11/17	Ongoing	Missing members site on website. 1959 Reunion contacts	IJ, SD, BB

							completed. Contact details of Mod students who became teachers to be sent to Sallie as well as Society	
189	23/10/17	Finance Operational Finance	7.2	Invoice to be prepared for the Sphinx Committee for their 1/2 share of the Insurance premium for the management liability policy. Invoice to be prepared for the Historical and Museum committee for their 1/3 share of the recently purchased banners.	20/11/17	Ongoing	Eve will produce invoices for both entities to refund the Perth Modernian Society. Banners to be part of Presentation Ceremony. See John Harris.	EB. BB
191	23/10/17	Finance Operational Finance	7.2	Society Contribution towards the new Sphinx sculpture being purchased by the school	12/02/2018	In Progress	Money from left over Fighting Fund. Build amount to \$750 from PM Society providing we have funds. Peter will consult Lois about amount Newsletter item of what is intended.	PF, LJ SD
192	23/10/17	Functions. Annual Oration	10.3	Adrian Fini is to be invited to give the Annual Oration.	20/11/17	In Progress	Peter Farr invited Adrian Fini to give the Annual Oration. Follow up.	PF

193	20/11/17	School Board	11	Items to be tabled at Board Meeting 21/11/17.	12/02/18	In Progress	Check recent letters to the Board have been tabled. Table Resolution passed by Council 20/11/17	DB
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