

Booster meeting minutes Monday 9 January 2017.

ATTENDANCE.

Kath Reeves, Tanja Hetherington, Michaela Davies, Claire Sheasby, Christina Mayer, Fiona Ambery, Meredith Durrant, Sean Holt. Apologies were received from Tilla Andersson, Sam Rowe-Beddoe, Mel Butcher.

The meeting started at 2 pm outside the HS cafe.

CONCERT AND CHRISTMAS MARKET

All agreed that this had been a successful event and that the layout had worked well with the market hot chocolate and mulled wine in the Gym courtyard and the Bar, BBQ, Pizza and Bouncy Castle in the Main Courtyard. We had plenty of volunteers and the system of having a co ordinator in charge of each event, responsible for allocating volunteers to time slots worked well.

MERCHANDISE

Tilla, who was unable to be at the meeting because of a sick child, reported that the current sale of merchandising had gone well in spite of the delays caused by the shippers. All clothing had been delivered and we had made some E 500.

PROJECTS FOR 2017

The school had submitted a wish list for the year.

HS would like an outdoor table tennis table. Sean explained that the table supplied by Boosters for MS had proved unsatisfactory. Boosters are in touch with the supplier to remedy the situation. Only then will we know the cost of a table for HS. (But they are expensive at Euro 2-3000 each)

MS would like more furniture for their recreational area and artificial turf for the area under the trees behind the music room.

They would also like to refresh the paint on the playground surface for chess and four and six square.

ES would like building sets for the playground.

Fiona was asked to prepare an estimate of how much money Boosters might have to spend this year.

Christine suggested that the Boosters might consider contributing to the costs of the HS prom. After some discussion it was agreed that rather than donating money directly, Boosters would work with HS STUCO to help them to help themselves by helping them organize a fund raising event. Sponsored car wash or pizza bake were ideas. Fiona reminded the meeting that last year STUCO had raised money by organizing the sale of personalized hoodies for leavers. Christine will speak to Ms Farrugia to discuss possibilities and revert to Boosters by e mail.

FUTURE EVENTS. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

Sean briefed the meeting on the school's plans for a dinner dance for parents in June. Money raised to be put towards a scholarship for a migrant student. This plan had yet to be approved by the board. Please see attached note from Mel. **(Afternote Board have now given their approval)**

FUTURE EVENTS. EASTER FUN DAY

In view of the difficulty we had last year getting volunteers for the fun day we examined various ideas to make it easier to manage. ExCom will speak to head of ES for his ideas. Other suggestions were a car boot or bring and buy sale combined with an egg hunt and a few simple games.

AOB

Tanja reported that as a result of a survey of sales at the HS stationery store she would with the meeting's permission merge the HS and MS shops. The HS shop had taken E 2.50 in the month of December and it is not fair to ask volunteers to attend every day for such a small return. Tanja had spoken to HS students who were content to do their shopping at the MS shop when walking to and from their transport each day.

Claire suggested that we need to publicize the amount of money Boosters make at each event. Sean said that the figures are available on the Booster web site as are the minutes of each meeting. It was agreed that a summary of profits from each event should be posted on the Booster notice board.

The meeting finished at 3-pm

Minutes taken by Sean Holt.

Herewith the message from the Anniversary Event co ordinator Mel Butcher.

I am very sorry but I cannot make the meeting at 2pm today - I hope you dont mind me writing but Totty passed on your email to me. Unfortunately both my children and my Mother who is staying with us at the moment have a pretty bad case of the flu and my little girl in particular, is only wanting me! Sorry.

It is very early days regarding the Gala Dinner (Celebrating 40 years of VIS and raising money for Refugee Scholarship) but I wanted to see if the Boosters had any ideas on the following:

Date confirmed - Friday 9th June @ <http://villabologna.com/>. The owners, Fleur and Jasper De Trafford, are good friends of mine; their children attend the school and Fleur is also alumni and I think it is a perfect spot! Sadly it is pretty booked up (years in advance i am told!) but we are able to secure the 9th June so that is great. Food is catered by their exclusive catering company and I am in touch with them re the menu options and prices.

Price - how about 60Euro a head and 50Euro for teachers? Totty explained that tickets can be purchased online with a new software we have. There may also be a an option to donate extra for the charity too if one wishes.

Auction - I have been informed that last year the bidding went on for a long time and became a little boring. I suggest the this year it is a silent auction and winners are announced on the night instead? Thoughts?

I understand that an email on Managebac can be sent out asking for prize donations to be auctioned.. does anyone have any contacts that we can write to as well as this? Does anyone want to be responsible for collecting prizes?

Music - Does anyone have any idea on a live band? I am asking around and have a few options... good music is likely to pull in a mixed age and probably bigger crowd.

Extras - perhaps a magician could walk around the tables? I have been to an event that had this and it really made it special.. thoughts or other ideas?