

A.G.M. 2001

31 May 2001

Precis of the Minutes of the AGM on Monday 30th April 2001

The AGM in the Staff Room of the School was attended by eighteen members of the Association, apologies being received from seven others.

The Millennium Doors were dedicated with a simple ceremony at which the President of the Association unveiled a brass plaque commemorating the occasion and thanking the FP Association for their contributions. In a short address, the Head Teacher spoke of the ethos and character of the School that had been formed by the many pupils that had passed through its doors in over 100 years. Having a successful school career meant leaving a part of oneself behind, and so thanked the former pupils for their contributions. Gordon Laird, the President in his reply, echoed the Head Teachers sentiments and voiced the hopes of all former pupils that the values and traditions of the past would be enhanced by future generations.

The Secretary reported that:

1 At the Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony on Friday 10th November 2000, the wreath was laid by former pupil and teacher and, 39/45 war veteran, Tom Ramsden. The President, Gordon Laird, spoke, the Head Teacher, James Thewliss said the Lawrence Binyon verse and the School Captain, Nicholas Forbes piped the lament, The Floors o' the Forest.

2 The Burns Supper at the Invercarse Hotel on Monday 22nd January 2001 was attended by 240 members and their guests, including 68 from the Dundee / Orleans Society. A most enjoyable evening was enhanced by a program of songs, recitations and fiddle music by a team of very talented pupils from the School, Fiona Armstrong, Claire Jones, Lee Kehrer, Edward McLaren, Shona Ritchie, Jennifer Robbie and Robin Waugh. The Immortal Memory was proposed by Dr Ian Duncan, Ken Gordon proposed the Lassies and Lydia Robb replied, Lewis Cochrane proposed the Toast to the School, Alex Melvin said the Selkirk Grace, Gordon Laird Addressed the Haggis and George Thomson proposed the Vote of Thanks.

3 There had been fifteen new members during the year. Four members have died.

The Treasurer Reported that there had been a surplus of £206 from the Burns Supper giving an overall surplus of £149.71 for the year, the Balance at the year end being £1715.96.

Mrs Margaret Fraser's resignation from the Council was accepted with regret. The President thanked her for her many years service including that of President 1982 - 1984.

The offer by the current Council office bearers and members to serve for another year was accepted. There were no nominations from the floor for membership of the Council.

The Annual Wreath Laying Ceremony is to be held on Monday 12th November 2001. It was agreed that: Syd Scroggie, former pupil (started school in Park Place), badly wounded 39/45 war and noted hill walker be invited to lay the FP Wreath. A second Wreath be laid on behalf of the School (provided by the FP Association) The Lawrence Binyon verse to be included. The School Chaplain, Rev David Scott, Logie and St Johns, be invited. The Head Teacher to find a piper from the School to play the Lament. Consideration be given to having a bugler to sound the Last post. All former pupils are invited to attend the Ceremony and for coffee afterwards.

The Burns Supper is to be held at the Invercarse Hotel on Monday 22nd January 2002 at 7pm for 7.30. Alex Melvin will say the Selkirk Grace, Mabel Cruickshank will propose the Toast to the School and Joyce Wood will propose the Vote of Thanks. Dennis Speedie had agreed at the Council meeting to find the other speakers, a piper and the entertainers.

Dr Graham Brindle attended the meeting to report on the progress of the Website to date. It had been in existence for about two years and had reached its present highly satisfactory state due to the enthusiasm of a team of dedicated pupils ranging from 1st to 6th years During its first year of operation it attracted 9,000 visits. In the last 5 months it had attracted 8,500 visits and was projected to reach 20,000 for the whole year. In one day, there had been 450 hits. The "Memory Lane" and "Can You Help" items of the FP Section had been particularly popular. The following suggestions were considered:

The names and addresses of the members of the FP Association be published on the Web. (The requirements of the Data Protection Act have to be considered)

All the Honours Boards be photographed and published on the Web (Jack Mackersie)

The letters to members include a bit about the Website (Mabel Cruickshank)

The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman, the Head Teacher, James Thewliss, Dennis Speedie, Fiona Smart, Hillary Gibson, Bridget Flucker and to all the staff of the School for their assistance to the Association in the past year.

George Thomson

Secretary.