

**Annual General Meeting of the Harris Academy F.P. Association held in the school on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 7pm**

**1. Attendees:** John Baxter (President, in the chair), Isobel Colligan (Secretary), Dorothy Drummond (Treasurer), Rosemary Matheson-Dear (Hon. President), Ian Colligan, Anne Simmers, Joan Yeaman, Bill Yeaman, Fiona Smart, Helen Dalzell, James Thewliss (Head Teacher) and MD Fraser.

**2. Apologies:** Dorothy Campbell, Marion Milne, David Wallace, Denis Speedie, Joyce Wood and Mabel Cruickshank.

**3. 2008 AGM Minutes**

Approved: Helen Dalzell

Seconded: Ian Colligan

Matters Arising: (Lunches) Isobel Colligan had contacted the Invercarse Hotel about the complaints and the meeting agreed that standards had improved. (Hon Vice Presidents) Both Mabel Cruickshank and George Thomson had been delighted to accept the honour.

(AOCB) The return stickers on mail sent out had proved successful with 25 envelopes being returned.

The email address has now been changed to harris fps @ blueyonder.co.uk

The school taking over printing of tickets etc had proved very useful with considerable savings to the association. Thanks were conveyed to the school and it was agreed that IBC should hand in a large tin of sweets before the end of term to the admin team and office staff in appreciation of their help.

**4. Secretary's Report** - attached.

**5. Treasurer's Report** - attached.

**6. Forthcoming events**

(a) Armistice Day Ceremony. Date confirmed as Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009. In reply to a query, Mr Thewliss confirmed there was no problem with FP numbers. IBC to liase with Denis Speedie or Jim Thewliss.

(b) Burns Supper 2010.

Confirmation has been received from "Four in a Bar" who are to provide the music and Gordon Laird who will give the vote of thanks. Unfortunately Lesley Mackie and Mr & Mrs Neil Mudie are not available for the event. A letter has been sent requesting Sheena Wellington to propose "The Immortal Memory" and a reply received. Sheena has indicated a willingness to perform this duty but possible filming may mean that she will be unavailable for the date. IBC to write requesting a definite reply before the next council meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Possible speakers were discussed viz. Immortal Memory - David Kelly, Andrew Johnstone and Jim Thewliss. Reply to the "Toast to the Lasses" - Pat Barrett. Further discussions to take place at next council meeting.

(c) Lunches. The cost of the lunches to remain at £14.00.

(d) Anniversary

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the school takes place on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010. It is hoped that the celebration will take place on a Saturday close to the date, possibly 4<sup>th</sup> September. Rosemary Matheson-Dear and Joan Yeaman have been in contact with Westpark Halls and RMD up-dated the meeting and circulated sample menus for a buffet lunch. The cost of hiring the room would be £400.00 but it was pointed out that this was for an evening event and not lunchtime which had been requested. RMD and JY to follow this up with a visit to Westpark Halls. JT agreed to the school being opened in the morning to enable attendees to tour the building. He also offered the use of the school for a buffet lunch at a considerably lower cost. Discussion followed about possible seating arrangements and speakers/entertainers and it was agreed to defer further decisions until the next council meeting.

## **7. Election of Office Bearers and Auditor.**

John Baxter (current president), Isobel Colligan (secretary) and Dorothy Drummond (treasurer) all agreed to continue in office.

Following the death of vice-president, Roger Nicholson, JB requested names for his successor. Joan Yeaman proposed Dorothy Drummond, seconded by Anne Simmers. There were no other nominations and Dorothy agreed to the post. Other council members agreed to continue in office for a further year and Fiona Smart agreed to continue as auditor.

## **8. AOCB**

Funding Request from school.

Jim Thewliss put a request for specialist photographic equipment to the meeting. Mr Shand, member of staff, is currently up-dating school web site and it is felt that this equipment would be beneficial to this and to other projects. It was agreed that this could also be of use to the FP Association. JB stated that the FPs were also considering their own website. Costs will be presented to the council and Mr Shand has been invited to a council meeting.

September Lunch.

JT to forward names of School Captains and Vice-Captains to IBC to enable her to send individual invitations to this lunch. JB requested a short CV on each of the pupils to enable him to introduce the pupils to those attending. JT to give vote of thanks at end of lunch.

A request was made for a card to be sent to Bill Gardiner who is back in Royal Victoria Hospital. IBC to arrange.

Display for Anniversary. JB requested the use of school display equipment for memorabilia to which JT agreed.

**The next council meeting was arranged for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.**

This being all the business, the meeting closed at 20.05 hours.