**GREYFRIARS**

**MINUTES**

Parent Council Meeting on Wednesday 21 September 2022

**Present:** Nora, Mrs Crompton, George, Ashley, Nicola, Jennifer, Lenia, Drago, Lisa, Colin, Linsey, Louise, Guilia.

**Apologies:** Alison, Di, Karen, Anya.

**1. Minutes of the AGM (7 September 2022)**

The potential spend under point 4 should be ‘up to£2000’, not ‘c. £3000’. Louise informed us that we need to have a minimum balance of £2,500 in the PC bank account, as a business account, to keep its charity status.

**2. Election and Confirmation of Office Bearers**

Prior to the elections, an open call for nominations had been issued. At the meeting, each office bearer and class rep was nominated and seconded, and their roles were then confirmed.

OFFICE BEARERS:

1. Chairperson:  Nora McElhone, nmcelhone@hotmail.com,
2. Vice Chairperson: Arianna Carlini, ac114@st-andrews.ac.uk,
3. Secretary: George Corbett, georgecorbett28@gmail.com

4. Treasurer: Louise Perry, louisemead\_189@hotmail.com

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Secretary: Jennifer Gallagher, woo4uk@hotmail.co.uk

Social Reps… [Nora, please can you add Alison, and anyone else who doesn’t have a named role but would like to sit on the committee, here?]

CLASS REPs (2022/23)
Primary 1/2: Drago Mirstoyanov, dragomirstoyanov@gmail.com, (P1) and Abbie Sanderson (P2)

Primary 2/3: Louisa Izzy, luisajizzi@gmail.com (P2); Nicola Davis (P3)
Primary 3/4: Ashleigh McGuire, ashleighmcguire29@gmail.com (P3)

Primary 4: Lisa Farquhar, lisafarquhar@yahoo.co.uk
Primary 5: Lenia Kouneni, lenia.kouneni@gmail.com and Colin Campbell, colincampbell45@hotmail.com
Primary 6: Karen Small, karen708@btinternet.com and Giulia Perego, perego.giulia@gmail.com
Primary 7: Linsey Cutler, linz.douglas@hotmail.com and Di Wilson, diddilydido@hotmail.com

Church Representative: Arianna Carlini, ac114@st-andrews.ac.uk
Parent Eco Representative: Anya Hart-Dyke, anyahd@yahoo.com

**3.** **Headteacher’s report**

* Thurs. (22 Sept) is an open afternoon from 3pm.
* Fri. (23rd Sept) is a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2.15-3.15. Anya is putting together ‘pre-loved uniform’ for Friday coffee afternoon, and this may be on display on the Thurs. as well.
* Next week P7s to Dalguise.

**4. Treasurer’s report.**

* £4,410.72. Now with the help of the School, £4,504.40 (money back for the School BBQ).
* Upcoming events. Teas, Coffee, mince pies for nativity / carol service. Maybe Halloween?

**5. Church rep. report.**

* Father M-J is keen to attend the PC meetings occasionally and he would appreciate if sometimes they could take place on a different day of the week (on Wednesday he is busy in the parish). Action. GC to speak to Fr M-J.
* Youth club? Once the children leave Greyfriars, they go to Madras and they often leave the Church or lose contact. Perhaps there could be a Greyfriars afterschool club for primary school children? There was a youth club run by Mrs Nash, Mrs Lamb, and the children came together and did different things. It was decided to keep this on the agenda, and consult more widely with parents to see if there would be sufficient interest in this.
* Children liturgy will restart soon, and Arianna will help Mrs Nash in running it. We hope to see many children returning to 11am Mass on Sunday.

**6. Class rep feedback.**

* Are there any after school clubs? After school clubs have not started yet, given the issues with staffing at the moment. Mrs Miller has started ‘basketball blub’ on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes. Unfortunately, an offer of football from AM soccer fell through due to staffing problems. Colin is willing to help with afterschool football again, even if only 1 session per month. Lisa suggested linking up with St Andrews United football club.
	+ Email to parents asking for help with after school football, and also if they would be interested in contributing something else to after school clubs.
* Is there any scope for a breakfast club? The funding isn’t there. ‘Families first’ used to provide staffing, and this was taken back.
* Mrs Crompton will ask Fife Council, but there needs to be a large number of parents wanting to do it (and the cost would be passed on to the parents). Cosmos considered a Breakfast Club but, on consulting parent demand, it turned out not to be financially feasible. If there is a possibility with Fife Council, Mrs Crompton will survey parents.

**7. A.O.B.**

(i) When we put up new committee on School website, can we add links to the School P1-P7 facebook pages. Yes, no problem.

 (ii) Next PC meeting, we need to do photos of Committee for the School Notice Board.

(iii) The PC will prepare a Parent Council Newsletter, with updated committee, and information about what the PC does, explaining, for example, the role of Class reps.

(iv) There was a question about a child’s allergic reaction to oranges. Can children bring in orange juice? Mrs Crompton to follow up with the parent or the child, and will feed back to parents.

(iv) Old men’s shirt for painting overall. Could Anya ask for donations for this as well?

(v) There was a discussion of whether the PC could provide some extra support for the children of low-income families this winter. The PC already does this (e.g. with subsidies for School trips), but expressed willingness to support Mrs Crompton in helping a child, if needed.

(vi) Given the access to School has still not been resolved, Colin volunteered to follow up on this with Fife Council.

(vii) We made a note of the Madras Parent Council dates for this coming academic year, in order to avoid clashes: Tues. 1 Nov, ’22; Wed. 18Jan, ’23; Tues 7 March, ’23; Wed. 10 May, ’23.

**8. Date of the next meeting.**

* **Thursday** 3 November, 7pm, 2022. Fr Michael-John has confirmed that he will be able to attend this meeting as it is on a Thursday.