



## **SMHA General Meeting Notes 17 September 2016**

### **Welcome**

Sue Meek (President) welcomed everyone to the meeting to mark the 180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the School. Olive Ridge was thanked for finding the venue for the meeting and lunch.

### **Present**

Sue Meek, Pamela James, Olive Ridge, Diana Markham, Jane Watson, Sue Carnochan, Jo Stubbs, Virginia James, Kathy Howard, Ruth Wiffen, Sian Spencer,  
(Jackie Riley joined the meeting late)

### **Prayer and Remembrance**

Claire Feaver, Maureen Goodsell, Sheila Waller, Steve Croft, Anita Liddell, Audrey Thompson, Jenefer Wray, Theola Yuen, Phyl Banks, Anne Mapher, Brita Yri, Barbara Schooling, Susie Markham

### **Apologies for Absence**

19 apologies were received via email

### **Minutes of the last Meeting**

These were accepted as an accurate record.

### **Hon President's Report**

Sue referred the meeting to her Newsletter report. She reiterated her delight in the use of St Mark's as an Arts venue and reported that over 3000 people had attended events there during the Brighton Festival. She thanked members of the Committee who organised

the sale of furniture which had been stored in the church. It was recognised that one remaining bench that had been sold had, to date, not been collected. Olive agreed to contact the purchaser. Sue also thanked those who had been involved in the movement of the remaining archives to the Keep.

### **Hon Chair's Report**

Olive referred the meeting to her Newsletter report. She updated those present on the proposal to form an administrative team, following the failure to receive any nominations for Chair or Committee Secretary. She stated that she hoped the spirit of SMH would continue to be present in all the work of the Association.

### **Hon Treasurer's Report**

Diana reported that the accounts had been inspected and audited. The end of year balance was £18038 with £15087 in the savings account and £2951 in the current account. The total income for the year was £3312 which included £123 from memorabilia and donations, £692 from the 100 Club and £2222 from the sale of furniture.

The total expenditure was £1506 which included a miscellaneous amount of £500 for .....

Diana reported that the 100 Club continued to provide a regular income towards the general running costs of the Association which was greatly appreciated. She encouraged those present to join if they were not already members.

### **Acceptance of Committee's Draft Proposal for General Meeting**

Before accepting the proposal for an administrative team, Jane outlined amendments that had been received from Liz Pyle. These amendments were approved unanimously by the meeting. Jane agreed to thank Liz for the valuable points she had raised.

Proposer – Jane Watson

Seconder – Sian Williams

The proposal for the new Terms of Reference was carried unanimously. 54 other members had approved the proposal by email vote.

## **Acceptance of the nominations for the posts in the Administrative Team**

Manager – Penny Harrison  
Finance Officer – Diana Markham  
Editor – Jane Watson  
Social Media Administrator – Lis Eastham  
Website Administrator Sue McDonagh  
Team Member – Sian Williams

As no other nominations had been received, these posts were approved unanimously by the meeting.

Proposer – Kathy Howard  
Seconder – Jo Stubbs

## **AOB**

Sue C reported that some financial archives still existed at Roedean. It was recognised that the safe disposal of financial paperwork was the responsibility of the School. She mentioned that she had received an enquiry from an old girl regarding the sheet music for the Lady of Shalot which had been performed at the School in the 1940/50s

Jackie stated that her two daughters were currently attending Roedean and had benefited from the legacy that lives on following the closure of SMH. She was thanked for sharing this information - a great encouragement for all present at the meeting.

Flowers were presented to Sue M and Olive and book tokens to the other retiring members of the committee as a token of thanks for all their time and hard work given to the continuation of the Association.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.