

Association of Friends of William Shrewsbury

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 17th September 2018

Present:

Jo Hassall-Pirie, Simon Hassall-Pirie, Becky Wilshee, Tracey Stanley, Rachel Lord, Vicki Branton, Claire Miller, Sam Redding, Kelly Hughes, Jane Campbell, Sarah Nobbs, Sarah Bates, Elizabeth Wood, Jackie Pearson, Emma Hardwick, Angela Cloves Hayden, Elaine Curtis

Apologies:

Katrina Blake, Lorna Perkins, Keely Smith, Nicola Sutcliffe, Emily Skeet, Gemma White, Sonia Langley

President's speech:

Elaine Curtis is now our president, taking over the role from Bernadette as Head Teacher of William Shrewsbury. Thank you everyone for coming to the AGM, its great to see so many new faces. Thank you for all our support over the previous year. Due to the new financial cuts we are needed more than ever to support the school.

Staffordshire is one of the most poorly funded areas in the country and William Shrewsbury as a school with very little deprivation means we don't get as much funding as other schools in our local area. Thank you for £3500 that subsidised school trips, £250 towards play equipment, £5000 to go towards stationary in school, including exercise books.

Thank you to each member of the committee, Simon on making sure we had a fantastic year, Claire for getting the figures out from events super quickly, Jane for being a great support to Simon and Kirsty for always being organised, prepared and getting minutes over to everyone. Also, to Vicki, Jo, Sarah and Sarah for all their support to make sure we are the best PTA.

Chair persons report:

Simon stated that this would be his last year in role as his daughter will be moving to De Ferrers in the summer but wants to make sure that this is the best year yet. 2017/2018 was amazing and thank you to everyone involved for making it a success. We had a great Christmas fayre and an excellent Summer Gala. However, its not all been plain sailing due to some events not going to plan, discos in the snow making it harder for people to attend too.

It is fantastic to be part of the AFWS team and welcome to all the new people here today, any ideas, suggestions that you have are very welcomed. You will see its great to be part of something that benefits the children. Seeing their faces light up is the

reason we put so much effort in. We really enjoy doing all the events though and any help big or small is very much appreciated.

Finance Report:

Great year! Claire gives us a run down of our accounts. Please see separate finance sheet. Accounts are filed and ready to be sent off early to the Charity Commission. We've been offered the support of an independent financial advisor to check our accounts. We need to do this as we have raised over £25,000 which is the threshold.

Election of new officers:

Chair - Simon Hassall-Pirie was nominated by Paul Skeet, seconded by Glynn Jacobs and was duly elected.

Vice Chair - Jane Campbell was nominated by Sarah Nobbs and seconded by Sarah Bates and was duly elected.

Treasurer - Claire Miller was nominated by Kirsty Kirk, seconded by Sam Redding and was duly elected.

Secretary - Kirsty Kirk nominated by Jane Campbell, seconded by Pete Campbell and was duly elected

Vice Secretary- Victoria Branton, nominated by Sarah Bates, seconded by Marisa Hower-Smith and was duly elected

Social Media Co-Ordinator - Joanne Hassall-Pirie, nominated by Paul Skeet, seconded by Andy Williams and is duly elected.

Sponsorship co-Ordinator this role is to be shared between Sarah Nobbs and Sarah Bates. Both were nominated by Claire Dring, seconded by Jane Campbell and were duly elected.

Simon as Chair says 2018/2019 is going to be a strong one!

Next meeting is to be held straight after the AGM.