

## Reports

### Secretary's Report

Holly read out a short statement from Maxine Boyd, Secretary of Old Scholars' Association as detailed below.

- My report must start with a couple of apologies. Firstly for my absence and secondly for the confusion many of you may have experienced as a consequence of the misinformation regarding the date of this year's AGM. The busy diaries of the committee required that the date be changed and unfortunately we failed to give notice to some of you who turned up to an empty room a few weeks ago. My sincere apologies.
- As in previous years my thanks must go to Joanne McGaffin in the school office for all her help with administration – any errors or omissions are entirely my fault. The committee has, however, recognized that it ought to be more responsible for administering the Association and inevitably there will be “blips” during the handover process.
- I should assure you however that we are not completely divesting the committee of her invaluable assistance and with the bursar's blessing she will continue to keep us right!
- Denis added thanks to Maxine for all her hard work in this role.

### Treasurer's Report

- Brian updated the Meeting on the Accounts.
- Life Membership has increased.
- The magazine appears to be covering itself now in terms of costs and donations from same are good. Now, the Committee can raise funds to support the School, rather than the magazine. Work has gone into controlling the magazine and not distributing to those who do not want it. As such, the costs are down.
- President's Evening made a small profit and was a success. Thanks were extended to Denis and Jill.
- The Committee is now in a position to make payments.
- The Committee purchased plaques for £60 each.
- £1,600 is to come out of the closing balance for the Charity.
- A company in Leeds has been identified to make new ties. Brian has ordered 30 ties at £7 each, which should cover the Committee for the year.
- As the finances are reasonably healthy, the Committee could give approx. £2-3,000 to the school for something. Previously, the Committee gave £2,000 for the pitches and something similar could be done again.
- The share value is down a bit, however, Brian explained all shares are down and it will go back up. This may be a time to purchase more. Although the value of the investment is down re the paper value, the cash value has remained same as that which was invested. Same can cover the magazine fund.
- Questions were then taken from the Meeting.
- Members congratulated the Committee for such a healthy balance, something that has not been seen in years. Members were pleased to see the Life Membership now bearing fruit and that the magazine costs had been sorted.
- Denis thanked Brian for his hard work.

### President's Report

- President's Evening went well. The music was very acceptable. Holly is to carry on the dinner at Malone Golf Club this year. 80 attended last year, which was a nice number.
- Hobbies Evening – publicity machine needs worked on. The night was great itself, however, attendance was not good. Not sure if this event will be continued again, potentially it could be in a different guise, with more publicity.
- 23 June – Edenmore Golf Club is the Golf Event. It was a 12 ball last year.

- Combined dinner with PTA - May Ball – 145 attended and £6,000 was raised for renovation of Upper Sixth Common Room.

### **Principal's Report**

- Stephen welcomed the Old Scholars back to school.
- The meeting was held in the Red Room, which was part of the new refurbishments of the school.
- The Old Scholars' Association's role in the school and support given is much appreciated.
- Last Sunday was Bible Sunday wherein Upper Sixth left school officially and will move on.
- Exam results continue to be very high – 100% attained 7 A\*-C at GCSE level.
- FSL continues to feature in League Tables well.
- "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" – Junior Pupils and Music Department involved and went very well.
- Trips – Duke of Edinburgh. Ski, sport, languages trips throughout the year. Habitat for Humanity – 12 pupils went to Romania and found very rewarding experience.
- Colour Run – raised £12,000 for school and contributed to Habitat for Humanity trip. All of the school community involved in helping the community in Romania.
- Google visit to school – pupils tried virtual reality glasses.
- Hockey Success, with strong performances in rugby and netball too.
- Concert at Ulster Hall – new Head of Music has taken on and changed the venue as it was felt the event at outgrown the Assembly Hall. It was a sold out event.
- Building Works – almost complete. Replacement of Harding House should be fully completed in August for Music and Maths Departments. The Departments have, however, already moved in. Harding House itself will be demolished in next few weeks and will be landscaped. General improvement of the facilities the school has to offer.