

MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Note of meeting held in K1 on Thursday 24th April, 2014 (3.45 – 5.00 pm)

1. **Present:** Maia Sheridan, David Watkinson, Frances Humphries, Anne Morris (Chair), Donald Macgregor, Edmund Robertson, Liz Higgins, Jim Bennett, Ann Marshall, Arlen Pardoe, David Galloway, Lindsay Matheson. **Apologies:** Lindsay Hodge, Elaine Methven, Lydia Upton, Colin Mackay.
2. The note of the meeting of 20th February, 2014, was accepted.
3. AP passed round proof copies of the commemorative booklet he had put together about the Madras casualties of WW1. AMo explained that it would be put to the FP Girls on 25th May that they may wish to sponsor this production. EH thought that such material might be of curricular interest to other schools in Fife and will assess the scale of interest through the school librarians' forum. The booklet met with very general commendation both for its excellent content and its appropriateness to the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War.
4. MS, ER and LM reported on the archive stall that had been set up in the Town Hall at the recent FP Girls' Coffee Morning. The interest shown in the stall had provided much useful information, one lady helpfully being able to name every pupil on an "anonymous" class photograph. Future stalls of this kind would be worthwhile, particularly if linked to another event such as a coffee morning. AMo announced that proceeds of £163 were raised on behalf of the Archive.
5. LM reported that after helpful discussion with the rector and the business manager the school was now able to look after our funds within the School Fund account. Our previous funds stand at c. £100 to which will be added the above-mentioned £163 and any receipts from the sale of the Burgh School booklet, thus giving us some working funds.
6. **Sub-groups.** FH reported that the Scrapbooks are up to date; LM, JB, DM and AP reported that the Oral project group is still mastering the recording technology and has had some encouraging trials; DG reported that sales of the Burgh School booklet were doing very well and that the project had been well received in the community; AP reported that the website "links" had been tidied up on ER's request.
7. LM explained to the group that some work (involving an interested FP) is taking place to determine the importance of the various stages in the school's history at which the legal title was at issue. This will involve gaining access to originals of the various legal instruments, several of which are currently held in the Special Collections of St Andrews University. MS will assist in this process. DW noted that events such as the endowment of the West Infants School may also have a bearing on the wider legal story.
8. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 5th June, after which the meeting may be given over to general archive business.
9. FH handed over to EH several items of interest: a prefect's badge, a hockey cap-tassel and an annual pupil note-book of her own.
10. DM handed over to EH a mark-book (German Dept.) from 1969-70 from the time of Iain Hendrie.
11. AMa will make her classlists from her years at Madras available to the archive.
12. The Chair thanked members who had contributed to another interesting and useful meeting.

LM (Secy) – 28th April, 2014