

MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday 5th June 2014, at 3.45 m in South Street, Room K1

Annual General Meeting:

1. **Present:** Anne Morris (Chair), Frances Humphries, Maia Sheridan, Donald Macgregor, Edmund Robertson, David Galloway, Jim Bennett, David Watkinson, Colin Mackay, Liz Higgins, Arlen Pardoe, Lindsay Matheson. **Apologies:** Lindsay Hodge, Elaine Methven, Ann Marshall.
 2. AM delivered her report from the chair. This lively and encouraging report took the form of a distillation of items that been recorded in the minutes of the five meetings held during the present school session. This report constitutes the first part of the attached Annual Report for our group.
 3. LM intimated that the Archive account in the School Fund currently stood at £298.
 4. Donald Macgregor (proposed by DG, seconded by ER) was elected as chair for the coming session. LM will remain as Secretary/Treasurer.
 5. There were no other AGM items raised.
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Business Meeting:

1. AM remained in the chair as DMcG needed to leave early. Before he left he expressed the sincere thanks of all members to Anne Morris who had been an excellent chair for more than two years. She intimated that it was her intention to continue in the group as a representative role for the FP Girls' Club.
2. The note of the meeting of 24th April was approved.
3. To provide material for our Annual Report the sub-groups have been writing short summaries, some of which AP had collated before the meeting. With all the sub-group summaries AP will produce a final collation which, added to the report from the chair, will constitute our Annual Report for 2013-14 (attached). Several further points concerning the sub-groups were raised, as shown below.

4. LM was asked by EH to speak to the Rector about the system of retention for the archive of current documents of interest. This is somewhat episodic and fragmentary at present.
5. CM raised a concern about the lack of pupil involvement (except one S6) this session. We need to start contact with the new S6 as early as possible. LM will clear this with Mr McClure and approach Paul Dagless in History for his assistance.
6. CM was interested to track the careers of some FPs as this might provide very good information about various periods in the school's life.
7. AP outlined the constantly-expanding range of website tasks and felt that there would be particular interest in the various school title deeds down the years.
8. ER was warmly congratulated by all on the plaudits he had received following his recent visit to a Mathematical conference in Romania. Members had thoroughly enjoyed reading his paper on William Oughtter Lonie giving, as it did, such insights into the pedagogy of his times at Madras in the mid-19th century.
9. The WW1 commemorative booklet had sold well in the current Preservation Trust Museum exhibition on WW1. AP will put copies in both school offices for public sale. EH has had a very enthusiastic response from other Fife librarians and will send a complimentary copy to each. If they wish teaching sets they will be able to order these. The publication is also available online owing to AP's work. LM will thank the FP girls' Club for its sponsorship of the booklet.
10. DG has been looking for information on former rector Hugh Martin (1920-23) who became rector of Dollar Academy and then Daniel Stewart's College.
11. AM tabled a fascinating essay ink-book from a young girl pupil of c. 1930, a press notice about Madras "fees" of 1960, and some extracts from the Girls' Club magazine of 1914-15.
12. The first meeting of the new session will be on Thursday 4th September at 3.45 pm.

LM, Secy

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The Archive Group was deeply saddened to learn of the tragic road accident on 5th June that befell Colin Robertson, the son of Professor Edmund Robertson, in Hong Kong where he had been working. Colin was a prominent amateur cyclist and was struck by a delivery van, the driver of which was charged after the accident. In such circumstances no words can adequately express either our grief or our sympathy for Edmund and his family.