

## MADRAS COLLEGE ARCHIVE SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 – Annual General Meeting and Business Meeting, Room M1, 3.45 – 4.45 pm

### Note of Annual General Meeting

1. Present: Donald Macgregor (Chair), Edmund Robertson, Liz Higgins, David Watkinson, Anne Morris, Frances Humphries, Elaine Methven, Arlen Pardoe, Ted Brocklebank, Ann Bridges, Colin Mackay, Jim Bennet, Jamie Macleod, Lindsay Matheson. Apologies: Maia Sheridan.
2. DM welcomed members to the AGM and Business Meeting. LM apologised for omitting to include the note of the 2015 AGM in the papers circulated. However, the note was accepted (attached for reference).
3. DM gave his Chairman's report, part of the Annual Report that AP will place on the website for reference. FH noted that AM also assists with the "Scrapbooks".
4. Having served his two-year term DM invited nominations for the Chair for next session. CM proposed Ann Bridges, seconded by Ted Brocklebank. There were no other nominations. DM nominated LM as Secretary, seconded by FH. There were no other nominations. Accordingly Ann Bridges will chair the group next session, with LM remaining as secretary.
5. DM invited thoughts on our priorities for next session, of which three became clear in discussion. Firstly, it is urgent for us to produce a group of helpers willing and able to catch up with the backlog of cataloguing that has built up while no operational IT system existed. EH and AP can assist in training helpers. Secondly, the Oral sub-group will work next session without direct involvement of pupils, at least for the time being. AM will approach Veronica Whyment (who works with the Preservation Trust oral archive) to see whether she would be willing to assist us next session. It was felt that some editing of interviews for the written transcripts was reasonable. FH suggested Larry Reid, an FP of the Burgh School, as a candidate for interview. Larry had also offered several items from his schooldays for the archive. The third priority, proposed by AM and accepted by the group, was for us to mount an exhibition from our archive during the winter months in the Preservation Trust Museum.
6. There being no other business DM closed the AGM and opened the Business Meeting.

### Business Meeting

1. The note of the meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2016, was accepted.
2. LM informed the meeting that Katie Stewart and Lewis Garippa of last session's S6 had been commended to the rector for their excellent contributions. He also noted that Ben Levy of S6 had expressed a view that involvement with the archive had been most interesting as an introduction to the workings of a committee. AB picked up on this point for future reference.
3. The sub-group reports were as submitted for inclusion in the Annual Report. EH will forward her Cataloguing report direct to AP. Since he had come to a halt with any further information about the background of prizes ER will not issue a report on this occasion. However he will keep the file open in case more material comes to light.
4. AP will ask a former colleague in Computing to retain electronically as much information as he can about the day-to-day life of the school.

5. LM has been in touch with FP Lewis Garippa concerning visits to pupils in S4,5 and 6 social subjects classes to encourage involvement in future archive activities. These introductory visits would take place during the next few weeks.
6. AP brought a large box of materials relating to the Kiel Exchange that had been passed to him by Dorothy Orem of Modern Languages. There was some discussion about the duration of this remarkable exchange, with the final verdict being that pupil-exchanges had taken place for 59 years.
7. AP also outlined the plan to continue our archive website "host" arrangement in association with the school's own website, with our individual web-address being paid for by ourselves, the school paying for the main host provision. LM had discussed this with the rector who had agreed in principle. AP and Magnus Latona of Computing will finalise the arrangement. Since our present hosting ends in just over a week there may be a slight hiatus in the website function. AP also intends to record the story of the website itself as an item worthy of archiving in its own right.
8. ER suggested that if we need funds in the future an approach might be made to the MC Endowment Trust. AM also noted that the FP Girls might be keen to make further contributions to our work. The Community Trust and the Kinburn Trust were other potential sources of funding mentioned.
9. LM will ask the rector about the updating of the school Dux Boards and offer assistance if required. He will also enquire about the boards designed some years ago for a brief history of the school and for the list of rectors.
10. EM will ask Dorothy Comber of the English Department about the current use of the Jamie Thomson Debating shield.
11. DM noted that another Madras FP elected an MSP was Chris Law, giving us three in total.
12. AB has purchased a VCR player in order to evaluate the cassettes of various plays for possible archiving in a modern format. Patricia Esler may also have similar material.
13. For the biographies of eminent FPs TB suggested that we include the world-famous pioneers of photography in the 1850s, James and Robert Adamson.
14. It was decided to call our first meeting of the new session on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016. This will be confirmed nearer the time.
15. DM closed the meeting at 4.45 pm and received warm thanks from members for acting as Chair during the last two sessions.

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