

# AFS MINUTES

# 21/04/10

## PRESENT

Alison Sherwood  
Brigita McDonald  
Charles Wood (Treasurer)  
David Smith  
Debbie Smith  
Jane Saunders  
Jo Saunders (Stock Control)  
Joan Emmanuel  
Linda Mucklow  
Marcia Gardiner  
Michelle Bentley (Secretary)  
Mike Roden (Chair)  
Nicky Kaur  
Peter Rossiter (Vice Chair)  
Rupert Connolly

## Apologies:-

Amanda Rogers  
David Beckett  
Heather West  
Jeanette Crutchley (School Liaison)  
Sarah Bertram  
Vanessa Manley (Vice Chair)  
Vera Chandarana  
Yahong Qian

## Previous minutes

Read and accepted.

## Matters arising

Spanish – Mike Roden has written to parents re Spanish not being offered as a main GCSE subject. School are currently looking at possibly arranging an after-school Spanish GCSE class.

## Headmaster's Report

- Only 20 parents have not submitted their email address to school – therefore only 20 School newsletters were posted.
- Texts were sent to parents re school closure due to no water supply – not all parents received the text. This will be addressed.
- Football screening – school can screen the games but the AFS cannot charge. Difficulties with exam timetable / table layout versus games etc. Discussed possible alternative ways of raising money including 'predict the number of goals'.
- Food building – will be started soon & should be completed by October. The building will cost £6000 and the Boys school will only use the room for 25 hours per year – School are looking at other possible uses.
- Library – will be closed in July due to failing the 'water test'. Issues will be addressed and work completed over the summer.
- Open days – September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> will possibly be the dates for Y6 pupils and parents.
- Tennis courts – monies are now in place to resurface / re-fence / repaint the courts
- Staffing – adjustments are still being made to address the budget deficit
- Languages – Mr Richard Surr is the new Head of Languages
- Language GCSE options – school are currently looking at changing French to a GCSE option for the future. (along-side German)
- Healthy Schools – Camp Hill Boys are one of only 3 schools in Birmingham not currently signed up to Healthy Schools. School's focus is the boys and their achievements.
- Grading – currently not applied consistently across all subjects / staff. 'Assessing Pupil Progress' is used in other schools but the system is not appropriate for use at CHB. The Grading of 'band' 1 / 2 / 3 will be used. The 'rapid review' grade will be 'band' within their form and the 'end of year' grade will be within their year. The proposed system would only review 'effort' in the 'rapid review' for years 10 & 11.

<b>Headmaster's Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemistry Olympiad – Nathan Brown and Aled Walker are in the final eight. Nathan Brown will not be able to go through to the next round due to not sitting Chemistry 'A' level.</li> <li>• Admissions – all Y7 places have been filled. There are also 33 appeals in process.</li> <li>• Sixth form – 49 boys wish to sit 'A' level Further Maths</li> <li>• Blast films – following 9 pupils as they transfer from Y6 to Y7. One pupil will be filmed in school in September.</li> <li>• Retirements – Sheila Jones (Maths) and Mr Rouse (ICT) will retire in July.</li> <li>• Parent Governor – four parents have been nominated. Ballot papers will be sent out in due course.</li> <li>• Equipment – main hall sound systems / wi-fi system / lectern. Discussed funding</li> </ul>										
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Events</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount raised</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Quiz / Fish &amp; Chips</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£768</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Production (end Spring Term)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£187</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Old Boys Chronicle</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,900</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gardener's World</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£429</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The bank accounts are approximately £10,000 in credit</p> <p>Bank Mandate – discussed use of cheques &amp; internet banking.  Signatories – Chair asked for a vote regarding Charles Wood (Treasurer) becoming a signatory for the AFS and manage the accounts – all present agreed. Paperwork will be completed by Mike Roden (Chair) and Michelle Bentley (Secretary) as the current signatories for Charles Wood to be added. Charles agreed to bring details and paperwork of any transactions to each meeting.</p>	Events	Amount raised	Quiz / Fish & Chips	£768	Production (end Spring Term)	£187	Old Boys Chronicle	£1,900	Gardener's World	£429
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<b>Events update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jo Saunders will contact Mr. Palmer re which events need refreshments.</li> <li>• Jo thanked all AFS members who had helped at the latest events.</li> <li>• Jo and Vanessa Manley have 'been trained' on the dishwasher. They have shared their 'training' with other AFS members.</li> <li>• Sweets and drinks were served on separate tables at the last few events – the queues were reduced and customers were served quicker.</li> <li>• Discussed the possibility of offering refreshments before performances as well as during the break.</li> <li>• Discussed adding a nominal fee to each ticket to be exchanged for a drink during the break.</li> <li>• Discussed possibility of a 'Summer Quiz' – will discuss further at next meeting.</li> </ul>										
<b>Constitution</b>	Deferred to next meeting										
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronicle – discussed the possibility of the Chronicle being available as a 'web-book'</li> <li>• Digital cameras – Mike Roden asked whether the AFS could pay for Cameras to photograph trips and events (photos to be included in newsletters). Also 'school' mobile phones to ensure staff are contactable when attending activities off-site. Mike will obtain prices.</li> </ul>										
<p>Next AFS meeting (Subject to change)  Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June  All meetings are 7pm  (meeting to be opened by 7.15pm)</p>											