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BOARD MEETING

Minutes of GFW Board Meeting Wednesday 13 September 2017

Meeting held at 6pm, John Wheatley Building, Kevin College Glasgow

Present:

Mike Dick

Cliff Uney

Janice Ross

Marie Therese Allison

Katrina MacLeod (Administrator)

Ronnie Melrose

Finlay Allison

Mike Turner

John Hill

Apologies: Susie Johnson, Lorraine McKechnie, Frank Reid, Alan Shute, Rita Warrilow, Fenella Rennie

In the absence of Fenella, Mike Dick chaired the meeting.

1. Vice Chair

Katrina reported that there had been two nominations for vice-chair. However only Mike Dick would be able to take on this role. The Board agreed that Mike's nomination be accepted.

2. Matters Arising

The following items from the previous minutes were noted.

The Co-op funding application will be considered in November. Mike Dick agreed to delay discussions with Bannerman High School until the funding application outcome is known.

Lorna Cammock had made good recovery and was back at college.

Lorraine McKechnie has had to withdraw from the Board.

3. Jamie Laval

Finlay reported on plans in place for the Jamie Laval weekend. Unfortunately Creative Scotland had refused to provide any financial backing so Ronnie, Finlay and Marie Therese would be meeting to look at the budget and find ways to reduce costs. Finlay called for all Board members to help promote the event. Facebook would be used to spread the word.

4. Senior Tutor Liaison

Finlay reported that there are 5 ukulele classes this term and all tutors are in place.

Wednesday evening tutor training was planned for the following week. Training would take place within the usual class teaching time. Students would be at college as usual but would have a John Carmichael extended session followed by tea in the atrium before going to a slightly shorter class. Plans for Monday tutor training are still in development.

5. Finance Report

Ronnie discussed concerns that the Laval event would incur a loss. He pointed out that GFW had made a modest profit in the last year, so the organisation should be able to withstand an extra event cost.

He noted there are currently 369 students. The numbers of junior students are too low to justify the current number of junior tutors. Finlay confirmed this is currently being looked at and there will be changes to junior classes.

6. Big Tartan Ceilidh

Rita reported that plans are underway. The venue is booked and sponsorship has been promised by Tunnocks of Uddingston.

7. Christmas Dinner

The Christmas Dinner is booked at the Islay Inn on Thursday 14 December.

8. Celtic Connections

The Board discussed the various activities involved in providing a GFW presence at a

stand at Celtic Connections. John confirmed he is again happy to take the Boards and leaflets to the two locations. It was agreed Katrina should check GFW contacts at Celtic Connections and find out about possible advertising.

9. Teas

Katrina reported that Linda is now making teas. A college employee, she is happy to take on the little bit of extra work on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

10. AOCB

Ronnie noted that the college rent had risen. It was not clear if there would be an extra bill for photocopying.

The college collaboration has not yet developed any firm plans, the college contact has been off sick.

The application for extra funding to Hovis has been turned down.

Ronnie asked if GFW could donate a set of ukulele lessons to be given as a prize at a charity event. The Board agreed this could lead to a potential new student.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 23 October 2017 at 6pm.