



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2019

Present: Laura Covill – Chair
Rachael Peek - Secretary
Amit Singh – Treasurer
Mark McBennett – Vice Chair
Sudhir Pandey – Assistant Secretary
Zey Kagan – Assistant Treasurer
David Budds – Assistant Head
Maire Sullivan – Staff Governor
Adeybisi Akpomuje
Satya Bandi
Victoria Cattermole
Helene Huille
Winnie Leong
Caroline Rous
Ruwani Senaratna
Seema Singh
Pooja Tiwari

Apologies: Maire Sullivan, Kej Alade, Sara Alade, Rinku Chibber, Lakshmi Kandala, Brid Nunn, Jim Ward, Jo Wright

The **Minutes of the General Meeting of the Association** held on 14th November 2018 were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Accounts for the year 1st September 2018 – 31st August 2019 were circulated to all present. Income for the year was £73,841.96 while the expenses were £76,481.21. Donations totalling ££74,145.01 were made to or on behalf of St Olave's Grammar School during the year including a number of Wishlists from various departments. Copies of the Accounts, subject to review by Hai-ying Song will then be filed with the Charity Commission.

Chair's Report

Laura wished to thank everyone who supported the PA throughout the year at the various events: Fun Day, Mock Tests, Refreshments, Form Reps, Careers Fair, Uniform Sales and so much more. Everyone plays a part, which is greatly appreciated.

President's Report delivered by David Budds – Assistant Headmaster

Mr Rees, your President and the Headteacher sends his sincere apologies for not being able to address you this evening. He has another AGM with the Dulwich Estate. The School is a beneficiary of the Dulwich Estate and therefore he is expected to attend where beneficiaries of the Estate speak to trustees. He had been working on whether he could miss the event, but with regret he was unable to. I will therefore on his behalf read out the following address which he has written:

I would like to formally thank all members of the St Olave's Parent's Association for all of the incredible hard work and dedication which they have shown over the last year. I have spoken before about the great privilege which it is to lead this school and work with some of the brightest, most remarkable and most hard-working young people in the country. It is no less applicable to the parents of those young people who have worked tirelessly with the school for the greater good of our school community.

There is more to be said than might reasonably be covered in a brief speech such as this, but I will do my best. The amount of money which is raised by this PA, and the remarkable support which it facilitates for your sons, via the Wellbeing initiative, the wishlists from departments and the grants for specific initiatives or events, makes you one of the most remarkable and successful bodies of your kind in the country. The figures from Amit speak for themselves in this respect and are a testament to the hard work of all of you who have given generously of your time, expertise and indeed money. Nowhere does this seem more apparent than in the headline events or initiatives, such as the second iteration of the fantastic Diwali event or in the ongoing mock tests, both of which initiatives began highly successful and have continued to escalate in terms of the amount raised year on year. Yet these high profile and highly successful fund-raising and social events are not necessarily the things which most closely define the work of the PA, wonderful and worthwhile though they are. The DNA of the PA and its work shines through in the regular commitment to the low key, bread and butter events which ensure the smooth running of the school and the sense of care, community and belonging which it engenders. My thanks and praise do indeed go to the organisers of the large scale events, the ready provision of service with a smile at countless Parents' Evenings, concerts and other events, the provision for donut sales, and uniform sales. I also wish to commend the PA for its restless sense of innovation in driving forward new initiatives like the hugely successful and helpful Careers Fair which ran earlier in the year, to say nothing of sustaining all of the other fantastic and long-established aspects of the school calendar which so enrich the life of the school such as the Family Fun Day, the Quizzes and the welcome evenings which assist with bringing new parents into the Olavian community. Over the summer holidays, the area outside the gym and ADT block was revitalised by the new PA Quad. This is now an outstanding space for students to study in and to eat in in the sunshine. All of these things, large and small, make this PA what it is, and make me incredibly proud and humbled to be its president.

I thank Laura for her excellent and committed work as Chair and am grateful for her commitment to continue working with the PA in other capacities. I would also like to thank all of the other post-holders on the Committee and indeed on all the sub-committees for their commitment and hard work. We would not be where we are today without you.

I know I speak also for Mr Budds and Mrs James in saying that we are very much looking forward to continuing to work with you all on developing and enhancing the community, the culture and the environment of the school to make this community of learning the most welcoming and successful place it can possibly be, and a place in which your children can continue to flourish. Thank you.

The following were ELECTED as the officers and trustees of the Association for the coming year:

Chair:	Zey Kagan
Vice Chair:	Amit Singh
Treasurer:	Sudhir Pandey
Assistant Treasurer:	Bhawana Sanyal
Secretary:	Rachael Peek
Assistant Secretary:	Helene Huille

All attending the meeting were ELECTED as the members of the Association Committee, except Haiying Song who was appointed as independent reviewer of the accounts, and thus cannot be on the committee. Laura Covill also informed us that she would not be on the Committee for the forthcoming year and we thanked her for her service.

Any Other Business

Many members of the Committee were keen to approve the Wishlist as discussed in the brief Committee Meeting prior to the AGM. Subject to sufficient funds, a vote was held to fully fund this list. The vote passed with a majority decision, with all in support except the outgoing Chair who voted against.

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Rachael Peek – Secretary

Confirmed as a true record of the Meeting

Zey Kagan - Chair