

**Sotogrande International School Parent Teacher Association  
Annual General Meeting Tuesday May 29th 2018 9.15 am in the Cantina**

**Committee Present:** Barbara Peacock, Tracey Stoneham, Dennis O'Connor, Jak Kearney, Jurgen Germeys, Dineen Garcia, Maureen Smith, Estrella Medina

**At 08:55 with less than thirty members present, the meeting was adjourned in accordance with the PTA Articles. At 9.25, with more than fifteen members present, the meeting was started.**

**1. Welcome by Chair of PTA:**

BP welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for taking the time to attend. BP offered a brief explanation of the role of the PTA and how it functions; all parents and teachers are members of the PTA, and a small group of members form the committee which organises the running of the PTA. Each year, the PTA holds an Annual General Meeting to approve accounts, reflect on the past year and vote on who will form the committee for the coming academic year.

**2. Apologies:**

Donna Morrison, Sue Davies, Maddy Maclaclan, Danielle Bostoen

**3. Approval of previous minutes:**

The previous AGM was held on May 30th 2017. DC proposed the minutes be approved, TS seconded.

**4. Head of School report:**

JK warmly thanked BP for her involvement with the PTA over the last three years. BP is leaving Sotogrande this summer.

This has been another busy school year with students continuing to shine in Sports, Maths, engineering and Writing contests. The musical performances over the year have been outstanding and the recent theatre production was phenomenal and extremely affecting. In addition the covering and heating of the school pool has enabled year round use by the school community. Representatives of the school have been highly commended for their presentation at the recent Apple Global Summit. The school has also been through a successful process of accreditation this year with multiple awarding bodies visiting the school within a short time period.

As has already been announced, the school will now be working closely with the Inspired group of schools and it is hoped that the future school building plans will begin to take place in due course.

**5. Chairperson of PTA report:**

Over the last school year, with the introduction of the Advisory Board, operational issues are no longer discussed within PTA meetings, however BP has been providing feedback from Advisory Board meetings at the close of each PTA general meeting, which seems to be working well to help keep parents informed.

The target for the coming year will be for the PTA to reflect this shifted focus within its mission statement and potentially Articles.

The White Party 2017 held at La Cabana was a great success and will be repeated on Friday 15th June, following one of the Primary shows. It was noted that the Kindred Project had very kindly organised a Primary Sleepover for the same night, meaning that parents can come to the party without having to find a babysitter! BP to send a note of thanks to the KP team.

The usual events were held in the Autumn Term, namely the Back to School Party, Autumn Fayre and Christmas Bazaar. All were successful, well attended and raised money for the PTA. The Teacher Appreciation Day will be held again on the 18th June, it is being led by BP and MM. All help welcome.

BP thanked Tracey Stoneham, Maddy Maclaclan and Sarah Burgess, who are all stepping

down from the committee this year. And thanks also to Danielle Bostoan, Jurgen Germeys, Dineen Garcia, Dennis O'Connor, Ruta Zileviciute, Estrella Medina, who are all staying on the committee.

BP noted that the Inspired group of schools do have PTA's, although they vary in form from school to school, so there seems no need to worry that the PTA will be affected by the new partnership.

JK asked if the next Back to School Party could also be a joint celebration for the schools' 40 year anniversary. The new Events co-ordinator will be sure to include this.

**6. Approval of end of year accounts:**

TS presented an account summary on behalf of DB. Shown are the monies received from the parents PTA contribution of €10 per family, plus the profits from the three main fundraising events. This totals €15,890.62. There is also a list of ten items that the PTA has paid for over the year, including MUN sponsorship, picnic tables for students use, T-shirts for various school productions, fruit for Primary sports days, part sponsorship of the F1 in Schools Team, a contribution to the costs of Dia de Andalucia and other end of year student led celebration events.

TS noted that at the last AGM it was agreed to reallocate the €7000 for the climbing wall repairs, the €7000 for the Secondary gym and the €1000 for the Alumni Party, as these projects were either not happening, or the money had never been claimed. This €15,000 can be added back into the Available Funds, which is already showing a healthy balance of €40,343.34.

JG described the process of allocating funds, all requests are considered and voted on by the whole committee.

JG proposed the approval of the accounts, DC seconded.

**7. Election of Committee Members:**

Barbara Peacock, Tracey Stoneham, Maddy Maclaclan and Sarah Burgess have left the committee.

New committee members: Jessica Santos, Irina Arango, Justyna Dabrowska, Monica Petersen, Claire Casson-Hughes, Gemma Hamaini, Elena Bilyalova, Jimena Barroso, Michaela Floyd, Katya Wilsher were all voted onto the committee.

To allow the committee to function it was necessary to decide on key committee positions. Accordingly Dennis O'Connor was proposed as Chairperson by Justyna Dabrowska, seconded by Jessica Santos. Dineen Garcia was proposed as Vice-Chairperson by Dennis O'Connor, seconded by Jessica Santos and Jessica Santos was proposed as Events Chairperson by Dennis O'Connor and seconded by Justyna Dabrowska.

**8. Date of next PTA general meeting:**

To be Confirmed.