

**Minutes of a meeting of
The SVAPA Parents Support Committee**

Held on Wednesday, 28th November 2012.

Attendance: Sonja Davidson, Joanna Fugl, Lisa Ganon, Daniel Ganon, Dale Irving, Julie Parker and Louise Paterson.

Apologies received from: Michelle Wray, Karene Walton, Sue Dempster, Kerry Brown, Vanessa Lombardo and Nerissa Berry.

Minutes of previous meeting – motion to approve moved by Sonja Davidson and seconded by Julie Parker. Minutes passed unanimously.

Business arising from previous minutes –

Letter to School Board - Julie reported that there was still no response from the School Board to the letter from SVAPA support committee - not even an acknowledgement of receipt of the letter.

However, Dale reported that there will be a role for Head of Arts at MLSHS advertised in Semester 1 in 2013 to start in Semester 2, 2013. This role would be separate from the SVAPA Coordinator role (we are told - in order to protect the SVAPA program). If Dale were to apply for the position and be successful, someone else would take on the role of SVAPA coordinator.

The group felt that given this news, perhaps our letter to the School Board has had some impact after all.

Dale also reported that on Tuesday evening at the Year 12 Awards presentation, the highest percentage of awards (12) were taken home by SVAPA participating students .

Dale's Report

Dale circulated the plan for SVAPA activities in 2013 – namely working on The Museum of Now, Part 2. It is proposed that we engage James Berlyn to work with Year 9s and Year 10s on SVAPA project. Josh Hogan, with Beat Salad to be employed to work with Year 8s.

Early Morning classes in 2013 would be Josh Hogan in Term 1 and for 5 weeks of Term 2 for Year 8s and James Berlyn would take Year 9 movement/dance classes for Terms 1 and 2.

The budget Dale sought approval for totalled around \$18,500 for 2013. This plan for 2013 and budget was agreed in principle by the group and Dale was encouraged to make firm bookings with James and Josh.

3 sessions of PIAF visits for Year 8s, 9s and 10s have already been organised.

Dale will have the SVAPA Year 8, 2013 Camp forms ready to hand out on Orientation day.

Dale proposed the idea of employing a student from WAAPA to do some PR and marketing work for SVAPA events. The group was supportive of this idea. Dale to investigate further.

The notion of opening up SVAPA performances to the wider community and charging for tickets to events was also discussed and agreed as a good idea. This is work a PR/Marketing Student could also undertake.

Treasurer's Report

Joanna reported that managing the SVAPA finances is still challenging as she doesn't have direct access to the Bendigo account and this is the one being used for bill payment. The P&C Treasurer has not been easily accessible recently due to family commitments. However, the P&C has recently had the last three years accounts audited and it has been suggested that early in 2013 there will be a 'Treasurer's Workshop' with Emma, the Auditor to help with record keeping and processes. Joanna will take the opportunity at the workshop to resolve issues outstanding with SVAPA accounts, such as there being two bank accounts and the fact that we've been paying Merchant fees to CommBank for the last 18 months for a non-existent Eftpos machine.

Costs for SVAPA expenses, workshops, incursions/excursions (approx \$6,890) billed since 6th August have been paid from the Bendigo account. The CommBank has been untouched since end of August 2012.

Account Balances as follows:

Commonwealth Bank balance at 28 th Nov 2012:	\$11,929.50
Bendigo Bank balance at 28 th Nov 2012:	\$ 6,537 (approx)

We have around \$18,450 to take forward to 2013 which is a healthy start for the New Year and means we can afford the proposed programs for the New Year.

Joanna to liaise with Monica Selvey (P&C Treasurer) and David Rose re outstanding banking issues.

General Business

- It was confirmed that due to Term 1 being 11 weeks and the dates of the Year 8 SVAPA camp, the dates of our first two meetings will be in Weeks 5 and 10 instead of the usual 3 and 7.
- Thanks were proposed by Julie Parker to Dale and all those who helped with the very successful welcome evening for SVAPA Year 8s 2013.
- Dale will be presenting the SVAPA awards at the end of year Assembly.
- The Museum of Now poster has been framed by a MLSHS alumni for a very reasonable price of \$360 including GST.
- The Year 9 performance of The Odyssey will be on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th December – **Members are asked to bring a plate for supper on the night.**
- **Dale** to confirm with Julie Parker, that both performances of The Odyssey will be open to the school community with two complimentary tickets per family and further seats available for a small fee, say \$5 each. **Julie** will then notify John Pryor so this info can be emailed out to school community.

Any Other Business

Sonja shared that she felt that the morning workshops this year have been excellent and encouraging for the kids and that the variety of activities offered have been most beneficial.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 27th February 2013 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.30pm