

**Notes of meeting held April 22, 2006
Penhurst, St. Ann**

Present were:

Joy Speare
Trevor Radway, Host
Pauline Lawrence
Vannette Brown
Evet Linton
Victor Rose
Beverley Sutherland-Lewis
Pauline Edwards-Lawrence

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Joy Speare at 11:00 ?

Prayer was offered by:

Apologies for absence:

Cunliffe Clare
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Jennifer Clare
etc.

Joy welcomed persons present, and indicated that others were enroute to the meeting but might have been having travel problems.

Matters Arising:

Pauline Lawrence and Beverley Sutherland-Lewis asked that their names be added to those present at the last meeting.

May 6 fundraiser:

Joy stressed the need for substantial pre sales and asked that persons seek sponsorship from their companies in order to ensure large sale of tickets. 1,500 tickets were printed, and distribution to past students and supportive companies exceeded 1000.

Promotions

Four complimentary tickets to be sent to Jennifer Small, RJR Communications Group for giveaways.

The suggestion was made to send to Natalie Campbell, IRIE FM for similar promotion.

It was suggested that two tickets be sent to Jerry D for similar promotional activity.

Joy informed the group that five (5) large sized posters were printed at a cost of \$XX. Locations were Ocho Rios, Jus Cheers, Discovery Bay, Brown's Town and Runaway Bay. Permission had already been sought from the local Parish Council.

Donations

Rice, one (1) goat, fish, pig and chicken have been committed by past students and friends. WISYNCO had offered plates, forks, spoons and hand towels.

Additionally, the gate prize had been secured from Couples. The suggestion was made from spot prizes. EP Gifts through Pauline Lawrence, WISYNCO through Patrick X confirmed gifts. Norman "Tea" Wright and Jennifer Clare are to be asked to assist with donations. It was suggested that other prizes be solicited. Patricia Parkins of St. Ann Development Company, operators of Dunn's River Falls to be approached for gift of passes. Other companies could include The Ruins, Jerk Centre and Hotels/Restaurants for dinner.

Tickets

Joy asked that reports on ticket sales be made to her by May 1, 2006.

Tickets can be had at Jus Cheers St. Ann's Bay, YCHS Joy Speare, Disc & Dat Ocho Rios.

Event

The meeting discussed security of cash, sufficient staffing for bar and food areas, and security. The planning committee was scheduled to meet on Thursday, April 28 and would detail all areas. Past students would be asked to assist in a limited way on the evening.

Beverley suggested securing a bus from Kingston for the function. Information will be circulated by the email system for solicitation of support. JUTA would be asked to be transportation company.

OTHER MATTERS

Fund Raising Focus

Joy asked about shifting fundraising focus from the bus to another need. The meeting vetoed this idea as mail and public appeals had already been made, and they did not want the integrity of the effort to be compromised. It was suggested that the PTA be asked to change their focus, maybe to the fencing of the property as they had not yet made public appeals

Sports Committee

There was no report, and Victor Rose promised to round robin the committee to restart their efforts.

Website

Following much discussion and the inability to obtain sponsorship for the construction of the site, the meeting agreed that funds now available would be used to make the required deposit of \$20,000.00. Additionally, at each meeting, alumni would be asked to make contributions towards this venture until the \$40,000.00 was raised. \$8,000.00 was collected.

The payment is to be made to the contractor by May 6. Rey Smith is to be asked for details. Photos and other memorabilia should be emailed to the YC address.

Business cards should also be sent to the school or the mailing address for the website.

Election of Officers

Joy suggested that this be done at the June meeting. All persons asked so far have declined.

Thanks

Principal Hawthorne through Joy expressed thanks to the Association and in particular Jimmy Lawrence for the donation of laboratory equipment. The gathering suggested this be done in writing for posting to all alumni.

AOB

The appointment of past student Glen Cruickshank to the Privy Council was noted. Beverley to send letter of congrats on behalf of the association.

A letter of condolence is also to be sent to Patrick Lewis on the passing of his mother.

A Kingston fundraiser would be planned before the end of the year.

Meeting Dates

The May meeting will be held at the Library, Merle Grove High School, Dunrobin/Constant Spring Road on Saturday, May 22 beginning at 11:00 am.

The June 20 meeting will be held at Cranbrook, outside of Salem in St. Ann. The attraction is owned by former teacher, Mr. Linton. Family are welcome, as the site is most suitable for picnic .

It is suggested that scheduled meetings be postponed for July and August no meeting.

Appreciation

Pauline conveyed the thanks of the group to Trevor and Daphne for accommodating the meeting. She echoed the sentiment of all present that they were awaiting the next invitation back, as the property offered the best in scenery, opportunity for hiking, flora, quietude, and overall total relaxation. Notwithstanding the condition of the roads, all vowed to 'return.'

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Beverly, seconded by Trevor.