



## **The 2017 Annual Report from the Chairman of the SAHS Foundation to the Annual General Meeting December 2018**

The 2017 AGM was postponed awaiting the completion of the financial reports. The 2017 the activities of the Foundation continued with the development of new project initiatives.

### **THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM /CONVENTION CENTRE**

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Since the beginning of the 1980's it was recognized that the School had no facility that could host all of the student population at an event such as Graduation or Awards Ceremonies. The Foundation had identified the development of an Auditorium as one of the priority projects at the time of the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, however the decision to refurbish the Science Labs was identified by Principal Reid to be a more pressing need and hence the Auditorium project was postponed.

Following the successful implementation of the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations the Auditorium project as a priority was revisited. It was agreed that the development of a project concept and proposal should be pursued and possible partners explored. This was done and **Mr Earl Jarrett**, General Manager of Jamaica National Group expressed a keen interest and support for this project that should be more than just a school's auditorium but also become a Convention Centre.

The considerations for the development and design of the Center include:

- The need to accommodate major school functions
- St Andrew has a strong focus on the Performing Arts
  - Music and Drama are a compulsory part of our curriculum in grades 7-9
  - Option to pursue Theatre Arts at CXC
  - The school has an active dance troupe
  - Major Production each year highlights student talents
  - Need to provide suitable accommodation for the Performing Arts Department
  - Need for proper storage for equipment, costumes and props
  - Expectations for an expanded media and technology program
- The Building can be a wonderful addition to the Community of Half Way Tree, Kingston and Jamaica.
  - The Cultural and Entertainment Industry would benefit through the provision of a large, much needed indoor venue for performance.
  - The Business community would be served by the provision of conference and convention facilities.
- Auditorium for 2000 audience, with good acoustics for performance and with multifunction games court and provision to divide into smaller spaces

- Parking for as many as vehicles as possible with possibility of separating areas for lease
- Lobby to include exhibition area and function area, and all conveniences.
- Stage for music, dance and theatrical production.
- Back stage area with modern facilities for dressing, costume, sets, props, lighting, etc.
- Conference facilities and classrooms with variable size rooms, break out space, etc.
- Multipurpose facility to hold indoor sports such as netball, badminton, table tennis
- Administrative offices for Performing Arts Department and for Multipurpose Center.
- Teaching areas for music, dance and drama.
- Building to incorporate water harvesting, energy efficiency and alternative energy generation
- “Landmark” Building

KPMG conducted their due diligence assessment of the SAHS Foundation which has now been successfully completed. They submitted a draft letter of engagement which set out the scope of work that they would undertake with respect to the feasibility study for the Auditorium/Convention Centre project. The objective of this study is to assist the St. Andrew High School Foundation in determining the economic feasibility of this project. This will provide the basis for accessing the financial support required to undertake this major venture. During this phase, the initial building specifications and design along with estimated construction costs will be prepared by SAOG Architect **Ann Hodges**. **Raymond Campbell**, from KPMG who is also a parent will conduct the feasibility study.

Mr. **Earl Jarrett**, General Manager at JN Group, reviewed the draft letter of agreement and agreed to provide a Grant to support this study.

A letter confirming these discussions and requesting the Grant has was sent to Mr. Jarrett. Unfortunately, Mr Jarrett fell ill shortly after this but has verbally indicated his continued support for the project.

In January 2017 Ann Hodges presented the proposed design for the Convention Center and this was accepted and supported by the Board of Directors. The Principal also received endorsement from the Heads of both Churches.

Some changes are being made to the design to ensure availability of adequate parking.

**In addition**, Dorothy Pine-McClarty is pursuing the possible transfer of the land to the school or extension of the lease agreement for an additional 50 year.

## **FUNDRAISING**

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### **Annual Legacy Golf Tournament:**

Severe heavy rainfall during October led to the postponement of the annual Legacy Golf Tournament from end of October to the first weekend in November. Despite the continued uncertainty of heavy rainfall which started on the morning of the Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017, the main fundraiser for 2017, the St Andrew Legacy Golf Classic, was successfully held at the Constant Spring Golf Club on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, starting at 8.30am. It ended with the Prizegiving at the end of play. Over 70 golfers participated, including juniors and one SAHS student from the newly formed Golf Club played for the first time. On the Friday evening, there was a fun evening with cocktails and a Putting Contest. We took the opportunity to launch and promote the *Golf for Girls* initiative to encourage sponsors to support this activity and to promote the involvement other schools along the Constant Spring corridor to form Golf Clubs at their schools. This event raised \$1.45 million.

### **Legacy Coin Drive:**

The Legacy Coin drive which was postponed last year was initiated at the beginning of the Easter Term in collaboration with the School's Good Samaritan Club. We took the opportunity to focus the call for coins on the Bank of Jamaica's recall of 'red coins' and were supported by Guardsman who moved the coins to BOJ. Over \$35,000 was collected from the drive.

### **One One Coco Full Basket:**

The fundraising campaign "One One Coco, Full Basket" which had a "soft" launch with Directors of the Board giving the first donations last year October went into full scale campaign mode in April this year, encouraging all members of the SAOGs to give small recurrent donations monthly.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO SAHS FOUNDATION DIRECTORS**

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Directors **Jessica Jones** and **Maxine Henry-Wilson** were presented with the SAINT Award for 2017 by the St Andrew Old Girls Association at their Post Valentine's Dinner "*On the Wings of Love*" on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018. It was a wonderful evening in the splendidly decorated Margaret Gartshore Hall!!

Director and Professor Emerita the Honourable **Elsa Leo-Rhynie** (nee Fairweather) and a SAHS Trailblazer chalked up another first. She is the first woman (and sixth person) to receive the UWI Chancellor's medal. The Chancellor's Medal is a special award of distinction made by the UWI Chancellor to a person who "has made a signal, substantial and likely lasting contribution to the welfare and development of The UWI, in the spirit of the CARICOM Heads of Government Declaration of Grande Anse which formally identified the leadership of UWI in tertiary education and decided that its regional character should be preserved indefinitely for the preparation of skills and advancement of knowledge needed for the growth and development of the Caribbean region."

### **ADMINISTRATION**

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During the past 15 months we have had several changes of Administrative Assistants for the Foundation office. We have managed to operate the Office functions with support from Directors **Jessica Jones**, **Fay McIntosh** and **Shakira Williams** from the School office. We continue to seek a part-time Administrative Assistant.

The Audited financial Reports for 2016 and 2017 have now been completed thanks you to the hard work of Director McIntosh and our Auditors, Millen and Associates. The 2017 Financial Report is tabled at this meeting for approval.

### **CONCLUSION**

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I would like to congratulate our Director and Principal, **Sharon Reid** for her continued excellent leadership of the school supported by her Vice Principals Georgia Roper and Alison Bowes and her staff for ensuring that the legacy of excellence in education continues to be maintained. Thank you for the support that was provided by the Directors of the Board of the Foundation which enabled the completion of another successful Year.



Dr Deanna Ashley  
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3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018