

Annual Report



2019/2020

A word from the President and Vice-President

The 2019/2020 academic year was inevitably a very different one from previous years – consequently, HUG’s involvement in the school’s activities was also affected. Despite the pandemic, we had a very active first term and a half. Following school closures across the country (and the world) HUG was still able to organise some limited activities online, as well as consolidating itself for how best to support the school community while social distancing restrictions continue.

As ever, we would like to formally thank the many parents, teachers and staff of the College who continue to support us in making our work possible, either through committing time, money or other in-kind resources.

Before COVID prevented us from gathering, we were delighted to organise a variety of events – the 2nd HUG Alumni meeting, a new parents’ coffee morning and of course, the second HUG St Francis Football Camp. The event was bigger and better than last year, with 120 students benefitting from some of the greatest talents in Brazilian football. In addition, we were most grateful for the many sponsors that supported the event. For the first time HUG was able to help improve the school’s infrastructure through the purchase of two air conditioning units for the school’s gyms.

As well as supporting school sport, HUG continued its support of the arts. We were happy to assist a grateful alumni parent make a substantial donation which was used to benefit the black box with the purchase of rigging used for lighting in all school plays. As ever, we supported the school’s budding young actors through facilitating ticket sales and the tuck shop at the performance of Love Me Do before the rest of the drama plans were put on hold due to the pandemic.

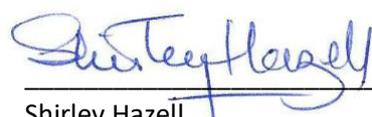
The HUG Executive Committee continues to meet monthly to oversee the running of the association, and to discuss existing programmes as well as ideas for new programmes.

Our finances continue to be very healthy. This year we have raised a total of R\$ 283,282 and contributed a total of R\$ 263,578 to HUG projects. We have a cash balance of R\$ 282,093 in our current account.

Sadly, this will be my last annual report for HUG as my family has relocated back to Europe. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Committee with whom I worked so closely. It was a great honour to have served with you and I have enjoyed watching HUG become an important part of the St Francis community. I look forward to see how the association grows over time!



Oliver Hudson
Parent
HUG President



Shirley Hazell
College Principal
HUG Vice President



Financials

HUG's finances continued to be administered by parent and executive committee member Denise Coopman. In addition, HUG continues to work with EP Contábil as its accountant.

All payments are approved by three members of the HUG Executive Committee before payment.

The 2019/20 accounts are below (in Brazilian reais). Both were approved by the Annual General Meeting that took place in October 2020.

ACCOUNTS 1, MAY 2019 / 31, ABR 2020

Receipt of funds:		Amount	Use of funds:		Allocated	Spent
Opening Funds (*)			Programs			
Primary Play JB		969,73	Primary Play -JB(*)	7846,11		96,00
Secondary Play Wizard		-447,34	Secondary Play - Wizard(*)	20479,12		20820,75
Donnor black box		41160,00	Play Love Me Do	19009,31		10348,70
Parental Workshop		428,09	Play Fab Choc	0,00		3000,00
ADM Appreciation		658,78	Alumini	0,00		3537,60
Yearbook 18/19		6686,86	Black box (*)	41160,00		47000,00
Camp		11182,04	Workshop Cyber Crime	3114,99		3114,99
Other		217134,98	Workshop Elec. Cig.(*)	2371,29		3000,00
			Workshop Alim.Saud	400,00		0,00
Total Opening Funds:		277773,14	Cocktail	5866,26		12350,00
Projects (Funds Received):			Bazaar	6070,66		0,00
Primary Play - JB		6876,38	ADM Appreciation (*)	19337,13		17301,78
Secondary Play - Wizard 17/05		20926,46	Yearbook 18/19(*)	40986,86		34556,00
Play Love Me Do		19009,31	Yearbook 19/20	26500,00		0,00
Workshop Cyber Crime		3114,99	Camp last year(*)	11182,04		5060,00
Workshop Elect.Cig.		1943,20	Camp current year	132384,16		103392,95
Workshop Alimentação Saud.		400,00				
cocktail		5866,26	Total Programs:			263578,77
Bazaar		6070,66	HUG Operations:			
ADM Appreciation		18678,35	Bank Fees			1312,46
Yearbook 18/19		34300,00	Accountant			6695,86
yearbook 19/20		26500,00	Establishment of HUG			5411,81
Camp current year		132384,16	Rede Fee			1962,54
Interest Received		7212,33	Total Operations:			15382,67
Total Projects:		283282,10	Total Use of Funds:			278961,44
Total Receipt of Funds::		561055,24				
Cash at End of Year :						282093,80

OBS : No yearbook 17/18, o HUG contribuiu com 1013.14. Este valor será debitado dos R\$7700 do Opening Funds do Yearbook de 18/19.

HUG Programmes

Alumni event

Following HUG's first successful Alumni event last year, we were delighted to host our second alumni event in September 2019. The event was also generously supported by A Chapa, who helped nourish over 30 alumni and teachers who attended. As ever, the Sports Department enjoyed creating a fun atmosphere by organising friendly matches in the school's gym between teachers and alumni students.



College Plays

HUG continued to support the school's thriving drama productions. HUG organised the sale of tickets for the Beatles' musical Love Me Do and HUG volunteers helped generate further income by selling refreshments during the intervals for this production. Through these two channels, as well as selling flowers provided by a parent, HUG raised almost R\$ 40,000 which off set production costs. We were looking forward to continuing this support for the lower school production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. But sadly due to the coronavirus pandemic this was put on hold.



Sports



HUG hosted its second Football Camp for PYP4-8 children in December 2019. It was organised in cooperation with Caioba Soccer Camp and trained over 110 children over the weekend (compared to 80 last year). Building on the success of last year, the event financed the cost of purchasing and installing two powerful air conditioning units for the large and small gymnasiums. This means our young athletes are now able to practice and compete in more comfort. The ethos of Caioba Soccer Camp complements the skills and characteristics that are valued by both the school and the IB curriculum, including team work, respect, loyalty, friendship and equality. HUG was grateful to the many sponsors of the event and the large team of volunteer parents that worked so diligently to ensure the weekend was a success.



College Yearbook

Once again, HUG was happy to be asked by the school to be the financial vehicle by which money for the College Yearbook is collected. Given HUG's ability to issue "*nota fiscais*", this year's target was achieved with greater efficiency. As ever, Christina Karam was relentless in her objective of raising enough money (through sponsorship) to ensure that each student received their own copy. In total R\$ 26,500 was raised.

Work Shadowing

For the third consecutive year, the group of HUG parents involved in organising work shadowing for DP1 students coordinated another fantastic week for 13 students. Work shadowing helps the students prepare for work and develop general business awareness and helps them gain a better understanding of different potential careers. Additionally, universities recognise this as an important added bonus on applications. HUG is very grateful to the dedicated group of parents involved as well as the companies and professionals that hosted students (see photo below, along with Drs Neves; Seda; Pugliese and Andrauss).



Social

In June 2019, HUG held its third annual social event. The 7th floor of the new building was transformed into a *festa junina*. Over 60 guests dressed up in traditional festival costume and danced to *forró* music and were treated to warming harvest festival dishes. A raffle helped cover costs for the evening and guests walked away with a variety of generous prizes. The evening encapsulated what HUG is about – bringing the community together.



Continuing our objective of bringing the community together, HUG organised a new parents' coffee in September 2019 for all new parents of the school. Again, the 7th floor was the perfect venue for this event for over 40 parents, which facilitated new friendships and helped new families feel more at home in the school.



Workshops

HUG hosted three workshops for parents this year. Dr Anthony Wong talked to both students and parents (at separate events) about drugs in adolescence. Such an important topic was bound to generate much interest, but we were particularly pleased to welcome over 60 parents. He spoke in parallel to secondary school students.

Another highly topical issue was dealt with by our second speaker, the nutritionist Pamela Sarkis who discussed “Eating in the Modern World”. Again, we were grateful that Pamela was able to speak first to parents and then to students, ensuring that the subject matter was tailored to the audience.



Finally, HUG organised its first virtual workshop during lockdown. Ana Alvarez kindly spoke to parents about “Intimacy and Trust between Parents and Children”. This topic clearly resonated, with over 90 parents attending two separate talks – one for primary and one for secondary parents.

Appreciation

This year HUG raised almost R\$ 19,000 to continue a long tradition at St Francis of showing our appreciation to over 70 maintenance, cleaning, security and kitchen staff during the holiday season. As with previous years, we offered a turkey, a pork loin, a bottle of sparkling wine and a Bauducco hamper of sweet treats. We are especially grateful to the group of parents who assisted in distributing the hampers to each member of staff individually, wishing them happy holidays and thanking them for the work they do for our school and our children.



This year, HUG also showed its special appreciation to the teaching staff. In a small gesture for *dia dos professores*, we organised a sweet treat to be left for each teacher at school.



Finally, as an alternative way to express our thanks for the incredible work that goes on behind the scenes, HUG organised, in partnership with Alta Diagnostica, flu vaccines for maintenance, cleaning, security and kitchen staff.



Charity

Once again, HUG supported the annual St Francis Bazaar by organising and serving refreshments for all attendees. We continue to be grateful to those parents who volunteered their time. The event raised R\$ 6,070 of which 10 per cent goes to the College charities and the remaining towards HUG school projects.

Additionally this year, HUG organised the donation of over 160 backpacks for students at the Colégio Passionista Santa Luzia in Minas Gerais. The donation was done in partnership with the convent next door to the school and the sisters involved were incredibly grateful at the generosity.



Executive Committee and General Assembly

Elected by the General Assembly, the Executive Committee is the executive and administrative body of HUG and meets monthly to agree initiatives and execute its functions as approved by the HUG General Assembly, which takes place annually around June of each year. As well as the five members of the Executive Committee, the Primary and Secondary heads are also present at the monthly meetings to ensure the school is fully involved with all elements of HUG.

The Executive Committee is composed of a minimum of two and a maximum of five members who are elected for a period of two years. The 2020/2021 Executive Committee was elected in a meeting of the HUG assembly in October 2020 with Soraia Fonseca, parent, as President; Shirley Hazell, College Principal as Vice President; and Denise Coopman, Henrique Moraes Prata and Luciana Nascimento Belli, all parents, as members.

For full contact details of all members of the Executive Committee, please see the following page. If you would like to become more involved, or if you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to be in touch with one of us!

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