FODS Meeting: Minutes

Monday 14th November 7pm

Present: Joanne Hyslop, Anne-Marie Marshall, Joanna Williams, Louise Comley, Sharon Baker, Laura Oakes, Karla Driscoll, Jessica McEwen and Sadie Hopley

Apologies: Emilie Mercer, Beth Newby, Alice Atherton

**1. Welcome**

A warm welcome was given to everyone in attendance.

**2.** **Review of Recent Events**

Quiz Night

The attendance for this event was roughly 50 and it normally attracts 89/90. Despite this, we all agreed this was a lovely event. This event raised £955.14. The quiz master reported back that he enjoyed doing it and wouldn’t mind setting the questions again. Thank you for this Martin. Discussed the raffle ticket price and in the end felt £1 a ticket means that it saves selling strips and having to pull out number ranges. It has been suggested that singles tables might help improve attendance as then it removes the pressure of having to find 6 people. We all thought this was a good idea and that it could be implemented for the next event of this type.

Coffee Morning

This event also had a low attendance. Discussed the time of year. It was felt that for new reception parents it could be done at the same time as all the staggered starts and pick ups, as parents would be there already. This led to lots of discussions on types of events people would like to see arranged (to ensure good attendance) and how to get parents to be more involved. Anne-Marie will sort 2 surveys, one about event types and one about involvement with FODS.

It has been noted that the better the graphic, i.e. the more eye catching the more people interact with the post in terms of likes. This is something we can think about going forward. It was agreed that we should decide the events further upfront, so that we can make sure we spread out the events and therefore the cost.

Bags2Schools – Sharon Baker

This event raised £72. It was collectively decided that this will only be done once a year. Also, it will be communicated out by Google Classroom as then parents may notice it more.

**3. Review of Previous Minutes**

Uniformd – Laura Oakes

This is going quite well. We do have more stock than demand. Logo items tend to sell better than generic grey skirts or trousers. Agreed to raise awareness of this. It was suggested that a poster is created with all the ongoing ways of raising money FODS (e.g. amazon smile, stikins etc).

Match Funding – Louise Comley

We have previously raised a lot of money through match funding at various events. Please could we put this in the newsletter again. Sharon to ask Ruth if she has a list of companies that have done match funding in the past.

Ice Cream

There seems to be some confusion around who has organised this previously. Sharon happy to find out if Sophie & Freddys whippy are free on last day (19th July). Louise to confirm is FODS are happy to pay for this.

Online Payment Options – Louise Comley

Louise felt introducing an online payment option was bringing other difficulties, e.g. people were signing up to events on the survey, but were not then sending payments. Also, people were not referencing payments currently and then it was difficult to match the person with the payment. We have decided to try using School Spider going forward as we can take payment here and the link to the child will already be there. The only downside to this is that they do take a small percentage.

**4. Upcoming Events**

Tea towels – Sharon Baker

The tea towels proofs have been distributed. Unfortunately, Nick Calvert changed the price in one place and not in another, so there were 2 prices displayed. As school had some queries regarding this we have decided to keep the price as it was at £4.50

Fashion & Fizz – Sarah Potts

Unfortunately this event has had to be cancelled due to low ticket sales. We ended up selling 38 tickets and needed to sell 88 for this event to go ahead. In future it has been agreed to only host this event once a year in March/May time. Also, to get models spread across more year groups as this will help sell more tickets.

Christmas Cards – Beth Newby

The communication from this company has been really poor and at the point of the meeting there were still some missing designs. There have been no numbers on sales communicated back to us yet.

Wreath Making – Alice Atherton

We have sold 28 tickets for this event and are just waiting for payments to be reconciled to confirm.
The event will still go ahead, even with the numbers that have paid so far, as we have no minimum numbers anyway. Sharon to organise TEN.

**5. Finance Update**

Louise Comley (Treasurer) confirmed the accounts as follows:

Main Account: £6710.60

Ball Account: £0.10

School Council: £15.48

Recent payment received from

Amazon Smile £13.54

Uniformd £63.79

Stikins £94.21

Quiz Night £ 955.14

Bags2Schools £72 (cheque yet to be received)

**6. Funding Requests / Wish Lists**

Money has been spent on outdoor equipment for Koinonia. The next thing on the list is to develop is the forest school area. Mrs Hyslop to get some quotes regarding landscaping this area.

**7. AOB**

Years 6 Leavers Book

 Joanna Brady has agreed to take on this task this year. Thank you Joanna.

Payment for goods for events

Discussed this again as sometimes going to wholesales to buy supplies can be very expensive. This is mostly paid for out of an individual’s pocket and then claimed back. Louise Comley to investigate if there is an adult version of say a go henry card, that can be pre loaded.

Xmas Afternoon – Sadie Hopley

This is all organised. The KS1 date is the 13th December and the KS2 date is the 15th December. This will be priced at £10 per child and the graphic is already designed. It will include a craft and a treat to take home. The children will watch a film and play games. Roberts bakery will provide gingerbread people to decorate, thank you for this.

Circus

This has been scheduled for 27/9/23. This will be a big event and will require a sub committee team. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Casino Night – Anne-Marie Marshall

Anne-Marie suggested that this should be pencilled in for June 2024.

Other suggestions

Bonus ball - suggested that you pay a certain amount per month and you pick a bonus ball number. Collectively thought a good idea to implement in January/February.

Cake sale – suggested to reintroduce this in January.

Santas little helper – suggested donate unwanted gifts from Christmas in January. These can then be used for Tombola prizes.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 9th January 2023 7pm

Monday 6th March 2023 7pm

Monday 24th April 2023 7pm

Monday 12th June 2023 7pm