FODS Meeting: Minutes

Monday 10th January 7pm via zoom

Present: Joanne Hyslop, Anne-Marie Marshall, Joanna Williams, Louise Comley, Sharon Baker, Sarah Thomas, Alice Atherton, Emilie Mercer, Beth Newby.

Apologies: Francesca Ogden

**1. Welcome**

A warm welcome was given to everyone in attendance.

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

**Wreath making – Alice Atherton**

This event made more money on previous years on the bar and had an increased ticket price this year. It was decided that it would be good to do this again this year. This year we intend to get the information out earlier (before people book different venues) and get email addresses. This will help with confirming people have a place and sending reminders. This event made £505.52. A big thank you to Alice for organising.

**Christmas Fair – Beth Newby**

Feedback from Mrs Hyslop about this event was that it is much easier to do in the week rather than on a Saturday. The feedback from the younger classes was that some of the crafting activities were a little too difficult for the children to complete independently. Next time teachers would either ask for parent/FODS helpers or make sure the activities were a little easier so that the children didn’t need as much assistance. Last year we made £3600 from the event, this year we made £3048.77. The raffle didn’t do as well this year and we agreed that this was probably because we didn’t have a holiday as a main prize. The postcards to santa made £175, which was £30 more than last year. Thank you Joanna Williams for organising. The Christmas Cards designed by the children made £500, which is brilliant. We decided this would be done again this year. Thank you to Joanna Williams and Beth Newby for all your effort on this one. It was decided that this year we would send them home to be completed and parents could write their child’s name on the back. This would save any confusion/spelling mistakes etc. The total made from the Christmas events collectively was £4200. Thank you to all the helpers of these events, it is really appreciated.

**3. Review of Previous Minutes**

Alternative event to casino event – Anne-Marie Marshall

This is now looking like a formal event at Cranage Hall. Anne-Marie to catch up with Amy Jones this week and this will be progressed further.

Used Uniform – Anne-Marie Marshall

Anne-Marie had a demo of uniformd in December. She will email her findings to all committee members so that we can make a decision.

**4. Upcoming Events**

Bags2School – Sharon Baker

This is going ahead on Thursday. Parents have been asked to drop off on Wednesday last thing or Thursday before school starts.

Fashion show –11th March 2022 – Sarah Potts

Sarah Potts has contacted Joanna Williams in order to organise a graphic for advertising purposes. The committee is in place and the models are being arranged. Sarah is in touch with SOS regarding the details of the event. Raffle prizes are being arranged. A whats app group has been set up and Anne-Marie Marshall has been added for visibility only. I have informed Sarah Potts that we should politely request attendees take a lateral flow test before attending.

Easter Hamper – Sharon Baker

We all agreed that this was a good idea. We will do 1 hamper per class and ask parents to donate one chocolate item. Joanna Williams to create graphic for this. It was suggested that we do this at beginning of March in order that we don’t clash with Vale Royal Eggs

**5. Finance Update**

Louise Comley (Treasurer) confirmed the accounts as follows:

Main Account: £5740.21 (approximately £200 in expenses due to go out so balance is really £5500).

Ball Account: £0.10

School Council: £15.48

Recent payments received from Amazon Smile of £6.26 and we paid out £116.00 to Parentkind for our insurance.

**6. Funding Requests / Wish Lists**

Mrs Hyslop will speak to the children about what they would like to see the funding spent on. A yurt for the outdoor area was suggested, this would need to be priced up.

**7. AOB**

Tea towels for Reception and Year 6

This was only briefly mentioned. This only made £99 this year, which was down on last year which made £150. Nicola Williams normally organises this but is in her last year of doing so. If we decide to continue with this someone else will need to volunteer. Will pick this up further next meeting.

Parent Council organised class events – Louise Comley

Francesca Ogden was due to raise this at the last parent council meeting on 9/11/21. Unfortunately she was unable to attend but it will be raised at the parent council meeting this week.

Easter wreath or posy making

Emilie Mercer suggested either a wreath making event for Easter or an agreement with Mayflower Bloom whereby you would order a wreath through school from them and FODS would receive a donation. A Mother’s Day Posy making was another suggestion. Louise will ask Alice to contact Mayflower to see if this sounds like something we could do.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 7 March 2022

Monday 25 April 2022

Monday 13 June 2022