

Friends of the Mead (FOM) Meeting

Thursday 3rd May 2018

Minutes

Present: Lucy Renton, Cath Newland, Emma Kent, Sarah Morley, Kate Corby, Ele Dexter, Tammy James, Alice Grebot, Alice Patience, Nicole Morton, Lucy Jones, Ruth Campbell

Apologies: James Piggot, Emma Howarth, Gemma James, Tamsin Turley, Candace Parker, Caroline Bolton, Anna Dixson

WELCOME

- Sarah Morley led the meeting and informed all the focus would be tight, covering new FOM Committee members, and the Summer Fayre. There were no comments on the previous meeting's minutes

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

-It was announced that Emma Kent and Alice Patience will take over the roles of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, respectively, from September 2018. They will be officially voted in at the FoM AGM in September. *Update: further to the meeting Tammy McIntosh has volunteered for the role of Secretary.*

-A school announcement re: these appointments will be made in a forthcoming newsletter, as well as an urgent request for two parents to fill the Treasurer and Secretary roles. Without a Treasurer, the FOM will be in jeopardy. Interested parties should contact Ruth in the school office as soon as possible.

-Once all Committee roles have been filled, the Chairperson will set dates for the first few meetings.

SUMMER FAYRE, SATURDAY 23rd JUNE FROM 12PM – 2PM

-Sarah Morley reminded all Class Reps present of their event responsibilities: rallying volunteers in the run up to the day; setting up, manning and setting down their stalls, as well as contributing general help where necessary.

-All stalls will need a gazebo, in the event of sunshine or rain, which Class Reps should source (please look to borrow them, if you do not have your own). Nicole Morton has three gazebos she is willing to lend to Reps on a first come, first served basis. Although the school has some gazebos, these will be used as coverage for the children during Sports Day.

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-Emma Kent requested that the Class Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet be emailed out to Reps, once it has been updated with revised Fayre timings (the Fayre will end at 2pm, not 2:30pm as detailed on the original sheet).

- As there is a lot of physical work involved in setting up the Fayre, Sarah Morley requested support from Fathers too. In previous year's, Chris Dobson was instrumental in helping set up heavy equipment but it is unlikely that he will be available now.

-It was agreed that Mike Hill, Fred Renton and Ash & Ele Dexter will work the breakfast BBQ shift, but volunteers are needed ASAP for the lunchtime shift. Please contact Ruth in the School Office if you would like to work a slot between the hours of 12pm and 2pm. A volunteer is also needed specifically for the vegetarian lunchtime BBQ.

-Additionally, it was agreed that there should be an alternative to breakfast bacon butties, for vegetarians or those who just prefer something different. Emma Kent will research pastry options.

-Emma Kent also volunteered to research mobile tea/coffee options, based on approx. 250 servings and an 8:30am start. Although coffee quality is better from a van, queue waits are an issue

-Sarah Morley informed all that Caroline Winning has kindly donated a large toy dog for a "Guess the Name of the Dog" stall. The winner of this competition will be announced during the Raffle.

- Lucy Renton will check with Jane Cobbold where the Coconut Shy props were stored following the 2017 Summer Fayre. *Update: Coconut Shy props are stored in the school shed.*

-Alice Patience will contact the local Fire Station and/or the Air Ambulance depot to see if one of them would be willing to attend our Fayre, with a vehicle, for children to enjoy. This would be a free 'stall' but there would likely be a donation bucket for the relevant service.

-Nicole Morton will look in to music options for the event.

-15 Raffle prizes have already been secured for our Fayre, with hopefully a few more to follow. Juliet's, Sopranos, Jump In, Clip 'n' Climb and Minor Mania, for example, are still to be contacted. The draw will take place at 1:30pm on the day.

-Alice Grebot will contact 'Becca', who previously worked at Coco Blush, to see if she would be interested in running a 5 min massage stall, with a percentage of her sales going to FOM.

-All stalls and year group responsibilities were agreed, please see supporting Stall Plan for detail.

AOB

- Emma Kent informed all present that the Tiger Gymnastics Centre in Tonbridge are willing to put on a free demonstration/display at a future school event (but not at the Summer Fayre as the school Dance Show will take place).

-Next meeting date: **Thursday 14 June, 8.45am**, dining room. All welcome.

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