

## **Friends of the Mead (FOM)**

### **Meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

#### **Minutes**

Present: Andrew Webster, Ruth Campbell, Rebecca Hall, James Piggott, Lucy Renton, Sarah Morley, Kirsteen Pitt, Caroline Winning, Lucy Jones, Claire Chattenton, Ele Dexter, Anna Davidson, Tammy McIntosh, Emma Kent, Anna Paine.

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#### **WELCOME**

-The committee thanked Ruth Campbell for all her help to date

#### **APOLOGIES**

-Gemma James, Caroline Bolton, Kate Corby, Cath Newland.

#### **MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

-LR informed all that a couple of parents had enquired since publication of the previous meeting's minutes as to the status of the bike shed situation. Namely, when is it happening? Interim solutions were discussed including hooks being added to the interior walls of the current shed or the bike shed (possibly) taking over the bin shed, provided a suitable alternative location can be found for the bins. School to discuss further.

-It was confirmed since the last meeting that all classes now have Parent Reps, with Mr Dicker and Mrs Borrageiro confirmed as the Y5 Class Reps (represented by Anna Davidson at the meeting).

#### **MOVIE NIGHT UPDATE & FEEDBACK**

-Sarah Morley informed all present that the evening had generated a fantastic £629 profit thanks to considerably higher ticket sales this year (157 in total). However, FOM acknowledged that there was not enough food provision for all children and apologised accordingly. It was agreed that next year, the cut-off date for ticket purchase must be one week in advance of the event - and the FOM must be tougher on refusing to sell tickets after this date.

-Additionally, the food offering will be marketed as a "snack" to be clear to parents that FOM are not providing a full-on tea for the children.

-All agreed that the event will be held in two rooms next year (if as well attended as this year): Early Years in one room and the rest of the school in the other. This will be communicated to parents from the outset.

#### **PARENT DRINKS UPDATE & FEEDBACK**

-Sarah Morley informed all present that the evening had generated a fantastic £438 profit thanks to a high parent turn out and spot-on catering.

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-After-event recycling arrangements do need to be considered for next year however, as several parents had to cart bin bags home with them.

### **WINTER FAYRE DISCUSSION & STALL/HAMPER CONFIRMATIONS**

-FOM reiterated to all present that sweets should not be purchased as prizes by Class Reps.

-Parents will have a 1-in-5 chance of winning on the Tombola stalls

-There will be one tombola in each Y1 classroom, accompanied by a game (Slide a Disc and Open the Box)

-Elizabeth will judge the Jolly Jam Jar competition, as in previous years. Whether by class or year group still to be decided.

-It was agreed that this year, there will not be an official “afternoon tea” offering due to logistics, space and the sheer amount of work setting up and running the stall. Rather, Y4 will sell tea and coffee for £1 in the Drama Room alongside a separate cake stall. Although tables will not be set up, there will be chairs for those who wish to sit down.

-The Y6 Reps will set up this year’s Santa’s Grotto & Waiting Room in the Music Hut & Music Room accordingly.

-Rebecca suggested we could use her filing shed for storing donations in the run up the Fayre and Nigel will also clear a space in his caretakers shed. Ruth will enquire as to whether we can use the Learning Hub and Kindy/Pre-Reception as well.

-James & Ruth will be stationed in the Reception area, welcoming guests and selling raffle tickets.

-It was agreed that Reps should arrive at least 1hr 30mins before the Fayre start time to set up their own stalls and help out the Committee as necessary

-The raffle hamper prizes were agreed and are detailed on the Stall Plan.

-All agreed not to have external stalls at the Fayre this year (i.e. Phoenix Cards)

### **BESPOKE CHRISTMAS CARD UPDATE:**

-All children’s drawings were sent off to the Supplier before half term, several weeks earlier than last year. With this extra time factored in, the Committee are hopeful that all parent orders will be fulfilled well before Christmas.

### **ROAD CROSSING**

-Rebecca updated all present on the status of our crossing application, her reasons for pulling out of the process and the action plan she is putting in place to ease parent concerns (see Parentmail of October 18<sup>th</sup> for full details).

### **AOB**

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-Mr Webster's negotiations with DJ Uniforms are ongoing and he will keep us updated.

-Gemma James will continue to man the second hand uniform store on Fridays 3-3:30pm, with help from Aydee Garcia and Anna McCrae. A reminder that Gemma takes orders via email too.

-It was noted that parents have requested school and/or FOM marketing material be placed in their eldest child's book bag only.

-The 2018 Valentines Disco will be held on the afternoon/evening of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**The date of the next FOM Meeting is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 8:45am in the Dining Room.**

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