



Friends of the Mead (FoM) Meeting

Wednesday 01/05/19

Minutes

Attendance: Ruth Campbell, Andrew Webster, Kate Glover, Tammy McIntosh, Nicky Roche, Emma Kent, Alice Patience, Katie Balcombe, Lucy Rudge, Sarah Morley, Ayme Flay, Claire Curran, Anna Paine, Claire Chattenton, Katie Lovell, Emma Howarth, Sian Haines, Marion Borrageiro

Apologies: Emma Moss, Alicia Faith, Nicola Spencer and Nicole Morton

1. Welcome and Introductions – by EK

- FoM's purpose to provide social and fun events for the school community and use resources to add value above and beyond what the school provide.

2. Sad news – EK/KG

- EK announced that FoM treasurer Kate Glover will be leaving The Mead at the end of the term.
- A new treasurer is required ASAP. We can't meet the legal requirements of the charity commission without a treasurer, so the need is urgent.
- Kate will provide a handover for the new treasurer and answer any questions. She suggested that new treasurer comes from a finance or accountancy background, but not essential.
- EK thanked Kate for all of her hard work and for introducing new and improved systems to make the role of the treasurer run more effectively.

3. Meadfest - EK

- EK is pleased with support from Mead families, 300 tickets have been sold so far, tickets will remain on sale up until the day of the event. There are 100 tickets left. (13/5 Update – now around 70 tickets left)
- In regards to the logistics for Meadfest, the following arrangements have been made and are confirmed: Nicky Roche will be running the Mead bar; food vans have been ordered; Pied Piper (who received positive feedback after providing a holiday camp at the Mead over the Easter school holiday), will bring an inflatable obstacle course; bands including Groove 101, the Mead school choir, orchestra and individual performers are booked; Freckles and Fire will provide arts and crafts; the music, Freckles and Fire and Pied Piper obstacle course will be included in the price of the ticket.
- Two face painters have been booked and they will charge.
- There was a suggestion that a year 4 mum could provide Henna tattoos but concerns regarding allergies was raised.
- Raffle – AP is in charge of the raffle and tickets will go out in book bags next week. There has been a large number of raffle prizes donated including a £50 voucher from the Abergavenny Arms. EK/AP will compile a full list of raffle prizes to be distributed next week. The raffle tickets comply with all lottery regulations and parents will be asked to return unused tickets.
- FoM will sell raffle tickets on Wednesday 15th May and Friday 17th May at 8.15am at school. Tammy McIntosh, Emma Howarth and Alice Patience volunteered to help Wednesday and Tammy McIntosh, Sarah Morley and Alice Patience will help on Friday. It was also suggested that FoM sell Meadfest tickets as well during these times.
- KG to provide floats for Meadfest bar and both card readers will be kept at the bar.
- Maddisons have only had 41 Mead families sign up for the real estate boards, so EK asked for a final push on this.
- AW asked if FoM would consider offering subsidised tickets for staff and families. To be discussed further by FoM & school.
- EK thanked Thomas Liddle in particular for his support with this event.
- EK will write a Meadfest announcement providing the details to go out on Parentmail, which will also include information regarding recycling and asking parents to bring water bottles for their children.

4. Sports Day plans

- As previously agreed, there will be no Summer Fayre running after Sports Day this year.
- Mr Leroy and Mrs McKenzie will run sports day, in conjunction with the Mead staff.
- There has been a discussion to have an opening ceremony but EK suggested that this is staff led, not FoM.
- After the sports day is finished, families are invited to stay for a picnic and participate in games.
- Ice cream van already booked to attend and EK to investigate booking a coffee van
- There was also a suggestion to sell items in house colours, such as wristbands, with profits going to FoM.
- The school will have the use of the Bayham grounds until 2.30pm.

5. FoM website feedback

- Two thirds of Meadfest tickets were sold from the website.
- EK keen to use the website for all future events and ticket sales.
- EK asked for feedback on the website use and functionality, no negative feedback offered.
- Suggested it can also be used for second hand uniform sale, FoM merchandise, news, minutes, sponsors' details, pictures from events etc.
- Abergavenny Arms have offered Mead families 15% discount off food (details of terms to be finalised) and Gabriella's have offered 25% discount off jewellery purchases and 10% off sale items and watch repairs. These details will be found on the FoM website and in the FoM newsletter.

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6. Family Fun Run – September – EK on behalf of Claire Henry

- Claire Henry is proposing to organise and run a Family Fun Run on Saturday 14th September 2019, covering a 2k and 5k course. Start time TBA.
- She is considering a few courses to run in Tunbridge Wells which end at a pub, and will confirm at the next FoM meeting. Claire is looking for volunteers to help marshal the event on the day and help with running the event.

- It was suggested there should be a school mascot (AW!) at some point for the children to spot, and people can also participate by walking, running or dog walking the course.
- It was suggested a charge of £5 per family to be included with funds going to FoM.
- Further details and information to be discussed at the next FoM meeting.

7. AOB - all

- Jenni Sach has offered to run the ice cream stall this term from 3.25-4.15pm every Friday.
- KG will provide a float for the use for the term.
- Funds go to FoM.
- Regarding profit from Meadfest, this will go towards a set of tablets for the school and possibly towards the Art department, once their needs have been established.
- EK suggested FoM executive meet with AW to discuss further.

Next meeting Wednesday 5 June, 8.30am in school dining room.