



Friends Meeting Minutes 5th May, 2017, 2pm at Heidi Beattie's house

Present: Alice Akernley (AA), Heidi Beattie, Chair (HB), Georgina Bean (GB), Tanya Cunningham (TC), Bianca Gaspar-Dunn (BGD), Sarah Harrison, Secretary (SH), Helen McNeill, Treasurer (HMc), Georgina O'Connor (GO), Catriona Penty, Secretary (CP)

Thank you to all those who attended. This new time of 2pm was experimental. Attendance was far lower compared to the last one, so 9am meetings obviously work better. We could try an evening one also or at 3.15 on a Friday.

Fund raisers

GB is still happy to run Ice Cream Fridays (starting next week 12th May) and CP will see if another mother would run it at 4.15 after the sports club.

PMN CP didn't find any particular volunteers but as the numbers are not large, we could take it in turns.

Bags to School made £111 this time, a little less than last time. Thank you to those who donated.

Chocolate Bingo was a success and made £621.50. Thank you to Clare Hammond, Vicks Hazledine and Gemma Shajahan for organising it.

Our £600 has now been received from the 200 club.

Tea and Cakes at the end of last term made £96. Thank you to class 3 for baking and organising this.

Funds spent / allocated

£485 was spent on coaches for the Bolton Castle and Yorkshire Wildlife Park, from which all children in years 1-6 benefitted.

£2,000 has been spent on more on iPads as previously agreed.

£795 has been invoiced to us for the aborted footpath legal work. We are not sure about the circumstances under which it has been aborted but the Parish Council meeting said it was due to the land owner. HMc will make out a cheque to pay this.

£900 has been invoiced for the woodland seminars held at school for all ages. Note we received £900 funding for this to take place.

Treasurer's Report

We have £11,400 in the current account (some of which will go out shortly, including the above-mentioned legal fees). We have 5,000 in the savings account.

Overall this academic year, £7,200 has been raised and £3,500 spent so far.

Future Events with dates fixed

Mums' social - Lisa Dickinson and Helen Tesseyman are organising the mums' social for Thursday 11th (since past).

PMN: Great evening and well attended. Thanks to Helen and Lisa for their efforts. Also to Fiona and her pop up shop March Hare for joining us and donating £40 of vouchers from her sales to raffle.

Tea and Cakes Rota

- On Tuesday 4th July (the day of the KS2 school play), Class 4 will be running Tea and Cakes. BGD is running the raffle.
- End of term Tea and Cakes will be run by Class 2.
- The September welcome coffee morning will be run by Class 1.

Open Gardens on Sunday 25th June – TC will speak to Helen T regarding the tray bake / recipe book idea. The theme of cooking fits in well with the Friends' recent purchase of ovens and other cooking implements for school. We also need tombola prizes please and people to run the stall itself. Also, small stall holders would be welcome selling things like clothes, jewellery, etc. Any ideas welcome.

PMN: Ask Fiona from March Hare if she would be interested given the success of the Mum's night.

Tea towels – BGD and SH are progressing well with this, with more than half the school self-portraits being done already. These will be available to buy at Open Gardens (26th June) and at the October coffee morning (7th October?).

School BBQ and possible bike ride - 8th July

Phil & James Cook will be running the BBQ again this year and will no doubt require plenty of volunteers. Put the date in your diary. Update on the Bike Ride required.

Morrisons Bag Packing – new date of Saturday 15th July – no-one on the committee seems too keen on running this. Last time the money raised was ring-fenced to pay for the year 5-6 residential. HB will ask Sue Timoney the pro's and con's.

Other Future Events (dates TBA)

Potential Golf day - James King and Kev Beattie are still mulling a possible golf day, which would encourage more participation from Dads (but not exclusively!).

School Parents' Disco in the autumn –date to be discussed. We may not do a fancy-dress theme this year as some are put off by having to wear a costume. Other 'Parents' event ideas welcome.

Potential Christmas Fair - in 2015, this was a huge success and we may do one again in 2017, November being slightly preferable to December. Volunteers required to organise this and dates to be set before the end of the school year. Feedback from Lisa Dickinson and Helen Tesseyman would be welcome from previous event.

Other potential fund raisers

Christmas cards / other – BGD mentioned that the company doing the tea towels also produce Christmas cards, coasters, aprons, etc. Once the tea towels have been completed, we may consider other such products, which would keep costs down as the art work already exists.

Organised Mums diaries - HMc has still not found anyone to take this over. Any takers? We get 40% commission on sales. They are 16 month calendars and the time to start selling them

is summer (i.e. before the end of this term). Please speak to HMc if you think you may want to do this. This is an easy, pleasant entry into helping with something for school. It would be a shame if this no longer went ahead.

Other possible fund raising ideas

- Yellow Moon (we used to do this)
- A Boden Party (which could be a good fund raiser)
- Best Kept Secret clothing

Other Items

Playground committee - There has not yet been a meeting as it is difficult to find a mutually agreeable date. GO has spoken to Diana Brown (DB), a Landscape Architect from Groundworks (which did the Marton playground) regarding some options. The incinerator will be asked to give a grant. DB will come for a meeting on Friday 12th, hopefully with Mrs Thirlaway in attendance, to discuss what funding may be available as well as what to redesign.

PMN: GO, Diana Brown and Mrs Thirlaway met at school on Friday 12th May. Very positive meeting and Diana is willing to assist us in moving our project forward. She will provide various proposals for us to review in due course. Thank you, Georgina, for moving this along.

Date of next meeting:

Friday 16th June

Venue: Heidi Beattie's House -The Old Forge, Graton.

Time: 9.00am