

Minutes of Friends meeting March 4th 2016, 9am

Present: Alice Ackernley (AA), Heidi Beattie (HB), Leigh Carr (LC), Philippa Cook (Chair PC), Jo King (JK), Sarah Harrison (SH), Helen McNeill (Treasurer, HMcN), Georgina O'Connor (GO), Vanessa Quarmby (VQ), Karen Tiffin (KT), Lisa Dickinson (LD), Tanya Cunningham (TC).

Thanks were given to those attending the meeting.

A big thank you came from Jane Cole to those who contributed in any way to the pancake day which was successful.

Childrens Valentines disco. -Thank you to Amy and Sue for organising the disco it went really well and the children certainly enjoyed it. £111 was raised which is excellent as this was not primarily organised for fundraising. There some discussion regarding nursery attending but it was felt that generally it had worked well.

Accounts - £111 paid in from the disco. There have been no further funds added since the last meeting as we are waiting for the Bag2school payment. There is £11242 total funds. Of this £5000 is ring fenced for the path and fencing (see last meeting minutes). No payments out have been made since the last meeting either.

Hundred Club- There is £600 to come from the hundred club. There was a question as to whether to continue this because so many parents live outside of the village now but the general consensus was to carry on and try to sell tickets earlier on and make it clear you only need to buy one.

Group email – this has now been set up and every parent should be receiving emails from the friends- if they are not getting an email please contact Philippa Cook. The address is marionfriends@gmail.com

Facebook – a closed group has now been set up, Please inform your friends Dad's/ Grandparents to join. It is a good way for communicating but obviously it is important to follow the guidelines and not to post pictures of children due to safeguarding issues.

The page is Friends of Marton cum Grafton Primary School if you ask to join we can add you into the group.

Easy fundraising needs to continue to be pushed to encourage as many people to join as possible. Please go onto www.easyfundraising.org. to register, naming school as a beneficiary. When you shop on-line (Amazon, Ebay, Tesco, etc) school receives a contribution. Please encourage grandparents and others to register also.

Yellow moon – are we still receiving catalogues? PC to liaise with Anthea Green regarding this

Able labels- still in place, if anyone needs to order some more name tapes etc go to www.able-labels.co.uk the Friends receive a donation from every order placed. This will be encouraged after the summer term and advertised in the new parent packs.

Forthcoming events

Chocolate Bingo - Saturday 19th March at 4pm: is being organised by VQ and LC. Tickets available from class reps : JK, HB, LC, VQ, ST. There will be hot dogs available to buy and a bar and a raffle. We will need to people to help on the day with the bar and hotdogs please. Volunteer list to go up in main entrance. VQ to write to Morrison's for a donation of bread buns etc.

Open Gardens is on 26th June this year. The friends will be doing a tombola and/or Jarbola. Friends need to submit a proposal in order to state a claim for consideration for a donation from the open gardens committee. It would be good to plant some trees or plants around the new landscaped area after the build is complete however the cost of this is unknown. This proposal needs to be discussed with the governors/MLT as appropriate. TC and HM to discuss. Any children's games suggestions would be appreciated.

Year planner for fundraising – this has been set up by PC. **Please see attached document.** There was detailed discussion regarding the desired program of events.

In short it was decided that the movie night and fish and chips at the Punch Bowl is going to be brought back on a Friday. This will be coordinated by LD. KS1 and KS2 will be shown a film at the same time in a different room there will be one trial. There will be no charge and no refreshments and this will be assessed afterwards. This will be on 22nd April, if it's successful it may carry on monthly. There was some concern regarding managing children's behavior. It was decided that it needs to be made clear that if children cannot behave appropriately and sit still and watch a whole film then they should not come. If the first one doesn't work it will not carry on.

We need to raise funds for a portable kitchen as documented in last meeting minutes. Suggestions were made that funds could be raised by a cooking competition and then the baking could be sold on Fridays instead of some ice cream Fridays. Need to find the cost of the kitchen from MLT. There were many discussions regarding other fundraising ideas perhaps doing Queen's birthday celebrations the calendar is attached to these minutes.

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Building works – it was highlighted that the Friends did not know what the new building work entailed. It would be pertinent for the plans to be displayed somewhere in school so that it is known what the money they have paid is going towards.(PC to discuss with Governors/MLT)

Bag2school -next collections 10th June and 18th November

Dates of next meeting 22nd April and 17 June.