

FODS AGM Minutes 13th May 2021

Attendees: Rachel Strongitharm, Liz Clarkson, Simon Martin, Vanessa, Kevin Voller

Apologies:, Lisa, Sue, Angela, Catherine Warren

AGM – There are to be changes this year.

Stepping down:

Chair: Rachel Strongitharm

Treasurers: Liz Clarkson and Catherine Warren (although Liz Clarkson will remain named Treasurer until September 2021 when a replacement can be found and a handover can be completed) Liz will ensure all bank account changes are made as and when necessary.

Continuing in post:

School Representative: Simon Martin, Kevin Voller

Committee Members: Vanessa, Lisa, Sue and Angela

Vanessa proposed herself as Secretary and was agreed by the committee members.

Confirmed the previous financial year as per the statement provided by Liz (See Attachment)

Rachel thanked all for attending the meeting, it has been 18 months or so since any fundraising took place which has been bizarre for the committee.

Whilst Rachel is stepping down, ideas for September 2021 were suggested:

- Second Hand uniform sale will take place on the 6th July 2021 – Vanessa and Angela have been in touch with the school already and have volunteered to run this. All the uniform has been sorted, washed, folder and stock checked.
- 100 Club – can be relaunched easily on school gateway, easy way of making some money.
- Consider some form of sociable event that is also a fundraiser early in the new academic year of 2021-2022.
- Amazon Smile
- Easyfundraising

Liz gave an update on the figures since January 2020:

Total Income:

£284 Additional Monies from the Race Night paid into the account

£4.56 interest

£14 parent evening teas and coffees

£88.59 Easyfundraising

So the income for last year was £391.15

Outgoings were:

£122 for PTA insurance

£48.24 two bunches of flowers/cards

Total: £170.24

£3813.49 Total amount in Bank as of 30th September 2020

Paid out since that date 2021: £124 PTA insurance

Currently in the Friends donation account from the school gateway is approx. £1600

The donations amount will be used for the new staging in the school, there will also be a transfer from the bank account to cover the remaining amount needed for the staging.

Rachel suggested a new tradition that maybe the Friends could consider next year making a donation towards year 11 leaving costs (whether it be for hoodies, leaver books, or the actual prom) committee to work alongside the school to provide what is felt necessary or needed.

Rachel thanked the committee for their time and support during her time as chair for the Friends group.

Simon thanked Rachel for her commitment and energy she brought to the Friends group. Liz was thanked for her time given since 2007/8, and that she had agreed to stay until a new treasurer could be found.

The meeting concluded at 18:30

Next meeting scheduled for 29th September at 6pm (this will be advertised in the Aspire and flyers)

Actions:

- Locate the pull up banner and ensure it is up when doing the second hand uniform sales– RS will sort new flyers
- Rachel to arrange the email access for Vanessa with Stuart Hawkins (IT at school)
- Rachel to write a small blog about previous fundraising and going forward for Friends
- Should monies be left of catering cards after students have left, maybe give parents option of donating it to the Friends group.
- Vanessa will look at setting up the Friends group on Amazon Smile
- Liz will look into the details for the Easyfundraising account as to how to re-register it against someone remaining on the committee.