

Friends of Wantage CE Primary School
Charity no. 1093139
Minutes of a Committee Meeting
held on
Wednesday 14th January 2016 at 8pm



Present: Vanessa Hope, Lucy-Ann Howard, Storm Dinsey, Cathy Godfrey

Apologies: Suzy Boote, Lisa Withers, Laura Hardy, Vanessa Clark, Zoe Pike, Susie Davies, Rachel Lock, Mat Froud, Vicky Munday

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2015 were approved.

2. Treasurer's Report

The current bank account balance amounts to £10,662.08. We received the final payment from the previous bag2school collection scheme which totalled £36.

3. Stage Lighting

We are still waiting to hear back from the caretaker's associate. If we do not hear soon, we shall proceed over the Easter holiday as previously discussed.

4. Refurbishment of KS2 Library

We have received the official request for funding totalling £2,000, which was previously been approved by vote. VH will provide the school with a copy. ZP has begun purchasing items.

5. Cook for Books

The Cook For Books scheme is being re-launched on Friday 29th January 2016 by Year 6. Plates, bags and forms are to be distributed on Friday 22nd January. VH is to email all Class Reps with the upcoming dates to give as much notice as possible.

6. Noticeboard / Funding Suggestions

The Friends' Noticeboards need updating/revising and it was decided that we should ask the parent/carers what information they would like to see on there. VH will conduct a Facebook Page poll. Similarly, we need to publicise how people can make suggestions and requests for funding. We need to target everyone via letter, Facebook and e-mail in order to reach the whole school population.

7. Mother's Day Present Palace

VC will draft a letter promoting the Mother's Day Present Palace which will take place from 23rd to 26th February 2016. LH is reviewing left over Christmas stock prior to purchasing other suitable gifts.

8. Other Dates

We are proposing Saturday 11th June for the Summer Fair. CG will confirm this with Mrs Morgan. CG will also confirm Friday 5th February for a Valentine's Day Family Disco. SD is speaking to DJs.

We are proposing Thursday 19th May for a KS1 and a separate KS2 Disco, primarily led by the staff though Friends volunteers may be required. This will include a sit down tea as well as age appropriate party games for both Key Stage groups.

9. Any Other Business

Christmas Trees

Mrs Morgan has suggested that the Friends consider selling Christmas trees to raise funds in the run up to next Christmas. This worked well in 2015 at her husband's school (who can provide us with the details of the supplier). However, it was noted that within Wantage the Rotary Club provide the sale of Christmas trees for charity and we would not want to conflict with that. The suggestion can be further discussed when we have more people present at a meeting.

AGM

We are seeking to move the Friends' Annual General Meeting to June to coincide with the initial parents' briefings for the Foundation Stage so that we may promote the cause and launch events ASAP in September.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 2pm in the Nursery.