

Friends of Wantage CE Primary School
Charity no. 1093139
Minutes of a Committee Meeting
held on
Tuesday 29th September 2015 at 3:15pm



Present: Vanessa Hope, Storm Dinsey, Vanessa Clark, Claire Donaldson, Rachel Lock, Cathy Godfrey, Caroline Burgess, Laura Hardy, Nicky Eldridge, Nickii Ormston, Suzy Boote

Apologies: Emma Summerscales, Vicky Munday, Flora Nuttgens, Lesley Ford, Lucy-Ann Howard, Susie Davies, Fiona Crawshaw, Caroline Broad-Marr, Lesley Ford

1. Treasurer's Report

SD reported that there is in excess of £9k in the bank account. £5,500 has been set aside for the installation of the theatrical lighting, leaving £3,684.26 available to spend. CG reported that the committee would be receiving a request for £500 for drums and undertook to remind the staff about the available funds.

2. Welcome to New Class Representatives

VH welcomed the new parents and class representatives to the first meeting of term and introduced the committee members.

3. Parents Evening

It was reported that Mrs Morgan had requested a presence by the Friends at the parents' evenings to be held in November. The idea is to have a visual display about the work of the Friends and to serve refreshments.

4. Gardening Working Party

It was reported that FN would like to schedule a date for a Saturday in November.

5. Theatrical Lighting

SD reported that the supplier (David Bailey) who had given the quote for the installation of the lights has been difficult to contact regarding arranging a suitable date for the work to go ahead.

6. Christmas Cards

CG confirmed that Mrs Morgan had approved the plan for the production of Christmas cards designed by the children (Nursery/Foundation/KS1 can design their cards during class time whilst KS2 children can do them as a homework project). VH mentioned the possibility of offering lunch-time sessions for those children who are unable to design a card at home.

7. Dickensian Evening

VH felt that having a stall at the Dickensian evening would be good publicity for the school. Various ideas for hot food and drink were discussed but need to be planned in more detail to assess feasibility/profitability.

8. Christmas Presents Palace/Christmas Fair/Santa's Grotto/Christmas Raffle

The logistics of holding a Christmas Fair and/or the Presents Palace were discussed. There was some support for having some kind of mulled wine/mince pie event, possibly involving the gazebo decorated as Santa's Grotto.

VH suggested a Christmas Raffle with a cash prize.

9. Hamperfest

CG is to gauge the staff's support for moving Hamperfest to another time of year.

10. Disco

It was reported that a family disco had been booked for Friday 16th October, 6-8pm. A rota is required. RL undertook to produce a poster to advertise the event. A letter needs to be distributed via the book bags.

11. Any Other Business

It was confirmed that the committee would like to support this year's shoebox appeal. CG undertook to ask the office to arrange a date for the Trussell Trust to attend an assembly to talk about their work.

The next uniform sale will take place between 14-16 October (i.e. not the dates on the meeting agenda).

A possible fundraising cause was put forward – the purchase of a new electronic keyboard. CG will investigate and report back.

It was reported that the Book Swap Boxes are available during break times.

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 2pm in the Nursery.