



Charity No. 1074903

FOLGS Committee Meeting – 22nd September 2016 at 8pm

Committee: Chair – Anna Stevenson
Vice Chair - Katy Simpson
Treasurer – Heather Pearce
Joint Secretary – Claire Owen
Pippa Martin

Class Reps: (Reception) Helena Mayes
(Year1) Jayne Dickinson
(Year 2) Jennie Lewis
(Year 3) Claire Franklin
(Year 4) Penny Brash
(Year 5) Anne Consedine
(Year 6) Jessie Simmonds

AGENDA

Notes in red are actions from follow up meeting with Jayne Dickinson, Jennie Lewis and Penny Brash held on September 26th.

1. Apologies

Jessie Simmonds , Jennie Lewis, Jayne Dickinson, Penny Brash

2. Chairman's welcome & update:

- Welcome new Year reps and discuss roles within FoLGS-

As many of the year reps were unable to make it this will be followed up at a later meeting with the year reps.

- Pressure on school finances this year / importance and reliance on FoLGS

Anna updated re a meeting with Mrs Geoghegan at the end of last term where it was confirmed how tight the school budget was and in order that it can ensure it is able to meet its biggest outgoing of staffing (which the FOLG can not help to fund) the FOLG will use some of its funds to help meet some of the other larger areas of expenditure for the school which could include elements of school maintenance and infrastructure costs.

- Chairman's role

Anna confirmed that she would continue to be around for advice, taking to Mrs Geoghegan and the Parish Council but that she would not be involved in running events going forwards.

3. Treasurer's Report – update on recent events and payments to school

Heather formally submitted the accounts for the year ending March 31st 2016 for approval.

Claire Owen updated that Jennie Lewis is happy to be the new independent reviewer of the account for the year to March 31 2017.

4. School Wish List - Discuss in context to recent payments (as mentioned above)

Mrs Patterson provided an update on what the Friends had agreed to pay for and how grateful the school were for everything:

Golden Time

Coach for Swimming

Coach for Class 3 trip

CD players

African drummers for RE week

Coach for KS1 and KS2 Christmas trips

There was also a discussion on the playground tidying up that needs to happen and based on poor sign up for Monday 26th after school, it was decided to reschedule for a Saturday after football when Dads can also help.

5. **Event planning & progress for Autumn term**

- Discuss community involvement in specific events and how this could work?
It was agreed that community involvement in certain events such as the Quiz Night could work well.

This terms events:

- **Autumn Walk to Ashridge – date tbc, Friday 7th Oct?
October 7th confirmed**

- **Bonfire & Fireworks Night – Sun 6th Nov**

- Jayne Dickinson, Penny Brash & Anna Stevenson to organise event together and liaise with Rebecca and Matt Hargreaves
- Richard Brash to liaise with Matt Hargreaves to organise Bonfire building

- **Pre-Christmas Shopping evening – Friday 18th Nov**

Katie and Anna to organise. Claire F to decorate. £3 entry to be charged. Let Katie/Anna know if there are any more suggestions for stall holders.

- **Christmas Bazaar – Sat 3rd December**

- Helena and Heather agreed to coordinate the Bazaar

- Jennie Lewis is happy to administer the Auction; i.e. maintain a master list of donations etc, however she is not comfortable making any of the calls. We agreed maybe the best idea is for as many people as possible to call 4 or 5 contacts and get donations from lots of people rather than relying on 1 or 2 people to source everything. Might be best for those who have done the auction before to get together first to collate an initial list.

- **Other activities: Christmas performance (mulled wine etc)**

Spring term events tbc:

- Comedy Night- Penny has agreed to organise. Anna will speak to Omar re date
- Quiz Night- it was agreed that this would be a good event to link with the village, perhaps no food
- Bingo afternoon- to be held Jan/Feb, whoever organises to speak to Anna-Lou Lancaster
- Easter event at the Church

6. **AOB**

- The possibility of Film Nights was discussed- Anna will speak to Mrs Geoghegan
- Claire F agreed to coordinate Christmas Cards
 - Jayne suggested a Halloween event on Inset Day at the school. Something designed specifically for the younger kids (older kids welcome but activities designed for younger ones). Jayne and Jennie happy to organise it. Mrs Geoghegan happy for us to use the Hall and/or playground.

7. **Proposed date of next meeting**

Jan 31st 2017