



General Meeting

Wednesday 26th May 2021 7.00pm
Venue: School Hall

1. Welcome

Elaine Sheppard, Claire Griffiths, Adrian King, Polly Peart, Rachel Ellams, Lorraine Foster, Lorna Jones.

2. Apologies

Katy Weller, Dan Taylor, Sally Steel, Annette Stenning (Today's meeting was restricted numbers due to covid)

3. Minutes of last meeting

Circulated and agreed

4. Correspondence

A letter has been received from Goodwood with two tickets for the revival and two tickets for the horse racing in August for raffle prizes or similar.

5. Financial overview

Please see the attached Treasurer's report for details of financial matters.

It was discussed whether or not it would be suitable for parents to make a lump sum donation once a term for the costs that term. It is then possible that gift aid could be applied this way.

The 100 club is still not well supported it raises £175 a month. When covid restrictions are lifted we will discuss doing something outside school each Friday to make it more visible, a monthly 'draw' with a table with forms to enable people to sign up there and then.

£117.10 was raised by the Lindfield family via virgin giving for 12 hour Minecraft game.

Mrs Goman is going to swim 100 miles to raise money for the school. It was discussed whether or not it would be more suitable to enable people to give money via just giving or similar. Some money is taken by the page but it would then be eligible for gift aid. PP to speak to Mrs Goman about our thoughts about using JustGiving.

AK will send a letter this Friday to show how much the Friends have earned this year and encourage people to donate.

We need to discuss some more sponsored events.

PP and KF to find out more about setting up and maintaining a Just Giving or similar. PP to check file to see if there is already a JustGiving account set up for the Friends, and then each even could be on the same account.

6. Co-op Donations

PP will speak to KW and inform AK about the donations from the coop which hasn't yet been given to the school as yet. It has been confirmed that this will continue for another year.

KW also suggested that if we wrote to the coop that they will donate tea, coffee etc for events and ice creams for sports day.

The projector in the hall is in desperate need of replacement as it is almost 10 years old. This is what the co-op money will be used for.

7. Astra Recycling

It was discussed that the clothing bin has been very well used in the last year and has created a good amount of income for the Friends. This school year so far It has raised £176.90. Discussion took place regarding whether or not we needed another recycling bin. It was agreed that we will wait for a while to see what the uptake is when charity shops etc. are open and when people have less time as they are returning to work. This will be reviewed at the next meeting and PP will ask in the meantime if it could be emptied twice a week, in theory.

8. Summer Social Events

*Depending on restrictions there will be a sports day. At the moment it is only 30 people allowed at outdoor events.

*On the 15th and 16th July school are hoping to run an exhibition one class at a time. It is hoped that there will be some kind of whole school social event on 16th July but AK is cautious about what kind of event this will be. AK would rather this was an alcohol-free event. It was discussed that we need to be cautious and mindful of people's feelings and concerns about covid.

*South coast sports are running a holiday club in the week of 16th August.

*PP asked that an event was scheduled which would be similar to the sponsored run that took place when the track was installed. This will take place in the morning before school on Wednesday 30th June before school. It was discussed that donations could be given via just giving. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends. KF spoke about the church using 'Give a Little' which is similar to 'Just Giving'.

PP will draft a letter about the upcoming event.

AK will research a relevant distance in miles that can be put forward for the sponsored run linked to the learning journey if possible.

9. AOB

Monday 28th New parents meeting via zoom. AK asked for someone to speak about the friends and fundraising, PP agreed as she will be on the call anyway it will make sense if she says a little bit about what The Friends do.

22nd June and 6th July Friends to serve coffees in the reflection area. LF and PP can help as they will be there. PP to ask KW for co-op donation of tea and coffee.

21st July is the leavers party – Friends have previously run a BBQ CG, RE, KF and PP can help for the afternoon.

10. Leavers Hoodies

KF has got one quote and 10 – 20 hoodies are £20.95 each, if the school logo is embroidered it is an extra £2.95. There was a lot of discussion about parents who could not afford the hoodies but it was decided that it would be more inclusive for all the children to have the same. *It was therefore agreed that all parents would be asked to pay for the hoodies and that the Friends would pay for any families that did not feel that they are able to do this.* CG and KF will get some quotes and AK will look at the list of parents who may need support in paying for the hoodies.

11. Date for next meeting

Monday 21st June 2021

Actions Arising