

Minutes Friends of Marlborough St Mary's Meeting

Wednesday 11th January 2017

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present: Alice Macdonald, Catriona Taylor, Gemma Blundy, Saffron Gannon, Ben Ferris, Cassie Piper Page, Claire Presley, Rosy Presley, Sam Cook, Saffron Cable, Jennifer Horton, Debbie Turnell, Jemma Baker, Emma May, Becky Deane

Apologies: Donna Kirby, Rachel Pandit, Rachael Herring, Monica Braithwaite

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by Catriona Taylor and Alice Macdonald.

3. Treasurer's Report

Christmas Fayre - £2,471.00 after expenses, there may be a couple more expenses to be paid.
Christmas Cards - £128.50 profit.

Balance of account £7,100.00 as at 4/1/17.

Saffron Gannon has made 2 gift aid claims, 2015 has been paid into the account, waiting for the 2016 to be transferred across. Transfer of remaining funds from the Friends of St Peters also need to be paid across, currently this is just under £1,500.00.

Considering our balance, all members present at the meeting agreed to the purchase of visualisers for the junior site, Ben Ferris to speak with Kath Black regarding obtaining a quote.

4. Discos

School discos at both sites, Marcus Lutener is available for both sites, fee of £100 for both dates. **Dates and times have been confirmed with Mrs Schwodler since the meeting.**

Friday 27th January - Junior site - Years 3 + 4 (lower): 6-7pm and Years 5 + 6 (upper): 7:15-8:30pm

Friday 3rd February - Infant site - Reception, Years 1 + 2: 5-6pm

£2 per child for disco, drink and a packet of haribo (on leaving).

Alice Macdonald to organise posters and information to go out to parents/carers. Need to highlight no electronics and that the children must be picked up by a named adult.

Helpers will be needed at both sites - will email out once dates and times confirmed.

5. Sponsored Bounce - Infants

Friday 24th February AM - **date has been agreed with Mrs Schwodler since the meeting.**

Gemma Blundy to organise posters and information for parents/carers - this needs to go out before half term.

Catriona Taylor - to speak with bouncy castle contact.

6. Sponsored Swim - Juniors 4-6pm

Prospective dates - Saturday 18th March or Saturday 25th March - **both dates agreed with Mrs Schwodler since the meeting.**

Saffron Gannon to speak with Marlborough Leisure Centre to check their availability for those dates.
Paperwork with information for parents/carers - at the junior office.

7. Easter Events

Infants - Easter Egg Hunt - Friday 7th April AM - **confirmed with Mrs Schwodler since the meeting**. Cassie Piper Page has agreed to be the bunny, Saffron Gannon to ask Sarah Hart if we can borrow the outfit.

Juniors - Easter Quiz - **confirmed with Mrs Schwodler since the meeting**. This could be sent home with the children or completed at school - children return their answer sheet in exchange for an egg.

Eggs - potentially we will require 340-350 eggs.

Easter Raffle - previously held at the junior site. During the morning and afternoon Monday to Thursday we will sell cloakroom tickets for 20p each, the winner being picked out on the Friday and awarded their Easter Egg prize. Event will be held at both sites for the final 2 weeks of school. We will need helpers at both sites. Would need 4 eggs for this. Alice Macdonald to confirm the go ahead for the Easter raffle with Mrs Schwodler.

8. Comic Relief - Friday 24th March

Need to think of a fundraising event for Comic Relief. No dressing up as there are a number of days where the children are able to do this.

9. Summer Fete

Summer Fete to be held at the Infant site, in order to be able to offer a bouncy castle and slide.

Potential dates - Saturday 24th June and Saturday 1st July - Alice Macdonald to speak with Mrs Schwodler regarding dates.

Need to book the bouncy castle and slide early.
Gemma Blundy to organise a donations letter.

10. Old School Uniform Collection

Kate Moir has found a company which is willing to come to both sites on the same day and take away old school uniform including old school jumpers/cardigans with logos on. They will re-use, sell or rag.

Date - Tuesday 7th February.

Catriona Taylor has an information sheet which will need to go out to parents/carers.

In the future when the new school is finished they will be able to provide us with an external recycling bin which they will empty when required.

11. Foyle Foundation

This is a charitable fund which helps fund school libraries, providing the school with the ability to purchase books and equipment to be used in the library.

Rachel Harries from St Johns has put in an application for the new school. However, as with many grants, the charitable fund prefer to see the Friends of the School also funding the project and this subsequently strengthens the application.

Subsequently, all members present at the meeting agreed to the Friends contributing £250.00 towards the library project, Catriona Taylor to co-ordinate with Rachel Harries regarding this. **This will need to be contributed for 2 years.**

12. Newsletter

Gemma Blundy to organise a newsletter once dates and times are confirmed.

13. AOB

- Fundraising for new school furniture. At the meeting we discussed the idea of each classroom trying to raise funds for furniture for their new classroom. However, on speaking with the finance officer since the meeting the amount required to fit out every classroom in the new school, at a budget level, would be around £14,000.00. The main committee members consider this to be at too high a level to be able to achieve taking into account we have other equipment/events which are considered important to the enhancing of our children's education.
- Table Top Sale - looking to hold this at the juniors during the summer months.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 23rd February 2017, 8pm at Godots (venue TBC).