

The Friends Of St Andrew's C.E. Infant School

Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday 8th October
Time: 3.15pm
Present: Anne Shedden, Nikki Davison, Tracey Mills, Mirka Jehlickova, Jan Waugh, Jennifer Matthews, Farida Zaman

Apologies: Kim Matthews, Mandy Simmons, Karen Noon

The minutes from the last meeting were discussed, to which Saija Howard's name was added as being present.

It was decided that The Friends would pay for two booster seats to be kept at school in case they are needed.

Treasurer's Report

Kim struggled to take over the accounts which were incomplete. No receipts were kept for the money spent on Rosie Pichowski's retirement celebrations.

There is a balance in the accounts of about £3,860. Kim recommended that we aim to keep a reserve of £3,000 to cover cash flow through the year or to provide anything that the school requires and which will benefit not only present pupils but future ones as well.

There was only one project which did not show a profit.

The accounts are not yet audited, but will be audited by an independent person.

It was agreed that Kim has done a great job with the accounts and will remain as treasurer.

It was also agreed that two of the signatories on the bank account are retained (Kim Matthews and Mandy Simmons) and that Alex White be replaced by Nikki Davison as the third signatory.

The accounts were accepted and signed by Nikki Davison and Tracey Mills.

It was decided that Nikki would remain as main Chairperson. However The Friends would like to appoint a Secretary and would like any new parents interested in taking on this role to let them know.

Fundraising

It was discussed about registering the school as a charity of e-bay. This will enable sellers to donate a percentage of their sales to the school should they wish or for the school to sell items itself on e-bay. Perhaps a parent already familiar with e-bay may like to take this on.

DVD Night

This will be held after Christmas as due to commitments up until Christmas it was felt it was too much beforehand.

Nikki is to organise a Bingo and Fish & Chips night. Anyone wishing to attend would need to pre-book as an order would have to be placed for the fish & chip supper. This would be a fun social evening for parents and children.

Tracey will look into organising a fashion show where parents and children will model clothing from high street stores and commission can be made on any clothing sold.

It was discussed about producing calendars using Linda's wonderful photos.

The Christmas Fete will be held on 1st December between 10 and 12am. Mr Marvel the magician has been booked to entertain the children between 10.30 and 11.30am. The entrance fee will be £2.00 per child and £1.00 per adult. Any donations for stalls or raffle Nikki has agreed to store at her home.

Nikki will look into Pheonix Cards coming to sell Christmas cards etc

It was also mentioned that anything not sold at the Christmas fete might be sold at a car boot sale and to find out if Sue Rule and Tracey Samuels might be interested in doing this.

During the removal of the shed lots of books that the school no longer needs were found and Anne suggested a book sale. She will let us know about dates and times for this.

Anne would like to turn the area left by the removal of the shed into a sensory garden for the children, this area would include a willow shelter which The Friends would look into costs with a view to paying for this.

Anne would like another picnic table and some gardening tools for the children with a view to having a vegetable patch for the children to tend.

It was also discussed as to whether a working party of parents could help to prepare the ground for this project.

Anne would also like The Friends to pay for coaches for a number of trips that are planned.

It was decided that the next committee meeting would be held at 8pm in the Nags Head on Thursday 8th November and a letter will go out nearer the time inviting any interested parents.