

Minutes of the Friends Meeting Thursday 14th January 2016, The Conningbrook

Present: John Rumbold (Chair), Fiona Sussams (Vice Chair), Jo Brackley (Treasurer), Caroline Ross, Gill Showler, Richard Pomfrett, Jackie Kingsley, Katy Parr.

Apologies: Julie Sweeney

John and Fiona thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Financial Report

Current Account £7,305.11

Deposit Account £3,710.93

Gill Showler asked for six Junior Roamers (£479.94) and 12 Infant Bluebots with two rechargeable trays (£779.30) to be used as part of the ICT curriculum. All voted yes as only paid out £930 for International Evening and not the £2,000 that was asked!

Gill informed us the pond has started to be re-lined at a cost of £1,100, not the original quoted £2,000 as Bob is doing most of the work. The Friends will pay for this too.

Forthcoming Events:

Cinema Night

This will take place on Friday 12th February in place of the Valentines disco, 6-8pm.

Only current Lady Joanna Children can come. The film will be a 'whole school' film after discussion of an infant and junior film would be too problematic! The School Council will give appropriate suggestions of films. We cannot charge for the film so will charge £2.50 for a 'goody bag'. This will include a small bag of popcorn, drink and sweets/chocolate. There will be a bar for the parents in the music room, while the children will watch the film in the hall. There will be an option to wear a onesie!

A letter will go home with the children with a return slip to be sent back to school with payment by 1st February, so we have an idea of how many goody bags to prepare, although need to be prepared for walk-ins on the night! Katy and Jo kindly offered to sort goody bags – thank you! Fiona will put up a rota in the reception area for the bar.

Quiz Night

This will take place on Saturday 19th March at 7pm for a 7.30pm start in the music room for parents only. The cost is £3 a head and will be 'bring your own food'. A bar will be provided on site. The tables will be a maximum of 8 people. Bob will be hosting this!

Summer Fair

This is to take place on Saturday 25th June. Fiona will book the Norton Knatch band. Ideas are needed for shows/events/raffle prize as this is our bi-annual 'big summer fair'!

Future Running of Friends

John will stand down in April as Chair as he can no longer do this due to work commitments. Fiona will write a letter to parents for a new chair to come forward. This could be a joint position shared between two friends. If nobody steps forward, will need to take this to sub-committees. Fiona will set up an information session for parents to find out more.

AOB

Fiona has now closed '100 Club'.

The last Christmas disco went very well, although no further discos have been booked. Dobbies have e-mailed John – did we want two reindeer and a sleigh for our next Christmas Bazaar? John will find out more information and the cost.

Next Meetings

Thursday 4th February 2016 – The Tickled Trout, Wye, 8pm

Thursday 3rd March - Meal for Gill Showler at The Old Mill, Kennington, 8pm

Thursday 14th April – The Conningbrook, Kennington, 8pm