

## **Minutes of the Friends AGM** **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at The School, 8pm.**

**Present:** Mr K Grout (President) John Rumbold (Chair), Fiona Sussams (Vice Chair), Jo Brackley, (Treasurer), Mrs G Showler, Mr R Pomfrett, Katy Parr

### **Financial Report**

Jo B presented the financial report for the year:

Total Amount Raised: £16, 500  
Variation from previous year: (£ 2,200)

Profit from Discos: £ 1,400  
Profit from Cake Sales: £ 1,060

Cost of fundraising: £ 9,770  
Net Gain for year: £ 6,760  
Variation from previous year: (£3,500)

Over the last financial year The Friends financed the purchase of 30 new iPads with cases; a Christmas gift for each child; disposable cameras and photo albums for Year 6 leavers.

This school year so far a further 14 iPads with cases have been funded along with a contribution to International Week.

As of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 the banks accounts were:

Current Account: £ 9,889.26  
Deposit Account: £ 3,710.47

### **Presidents Thanks**

K Grout thanked John and his team for all their efforts over the year and explained how useful the iPads were and how they will help further in the future with regards to accreditations the school hopes to gain, such as with regards to The Arts Mark.

KG also asked for his thanks to be noted to both G Showler and R Pomfrett for their participation with the Friends. And all the other members of staff, both support and teaching for all their help in making events run smoothly throughout the year, with special thanks to Jo Rall.

### **Chairman's Report**

John R expressed his thanks to all for their support, with special note to thank Justine Haskell for her 3 years as Secretary to the Friends. Thanks also went to the Class Reps for taking on a more active role and to F Sussams and J Brackley for their help.

JR wished also to thank Mrs Desai, Miss Tonna & their team for the fantastic International Evening. Other staff to receive special thanks were Bob, Stacey and J Rall for all they had done to support the friends.

Thanks also to all the parents that took the hygiene certificate, without whom there would be no BBQs. Finally thanks went to Caroline Ross for taking minutes and Katy Parr for taking on Cake Sales and Secretary role.

### **Vice Chair**

F Sussams thanked JR for his continued work and told the meeting that very kindly Jackie Kingsley had agreed to take on the Treasurer's role, following the end of JB's term next year. Reaffirming the issue, that a new Chair and Vice Chair were needed next year in order for the friends to continue. Letters need to be sent out to parents as a reminder.

### **Discos**

There are dwindling numbers attending, but the Christmas disco will go ahead as planned. It was generally felt that there needed to be further discussion regarding these events to see if new life could be injected into them.

### **Marketing**

A coffee morning for Reception parents is to be organised to garner further interest from parents from the early years of the school. Further Class Rep meetings would be held following the success of the first one.

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, Tickled Trout, Wye. 8pm