

## **Minutes of the Friends Meeting. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015, The Tickled Trout**

**Present:** John Rumbold (Chair), Fiona Sussams (Vice Chair), Jo Brackley (Treasurer), Caroline Ross, Julia Sweeney, Gill Showler.

**Apologies:** Jackie Kingsley, Katy Parr.

John and Fiona thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

We had great feedback! 315 adults came through the door and 112 visits to Santa! A big thank you to Katy Parr, Clare Rolf, Mary Pratt and Maddie Bond for decorating the grotto.

Possibly next year put admission up to £1.50 as door takings were down this year compared to last year.

We were short on elves and helpers setting up – possibly set up a ‘sub-committee’ next year and give Santa’s Grotto to a class (keep the same year group every year) as this was a mammoth task for the adults that did it on the morning. Also need to find new Santa for next year.

Stall rotas worked well. Next year, need people to sell hamper tickets and to take money on the door entry. People arrived early so be prepared next year!

Refreshment stall should be given to Year 5, not Year 6 next year.

Class Reps to produce an A4 sheet detailing running their stall; Fiona to e-mail templates and produce a ‘Christmas Bazaar Guide’. **£3,764.33** was made at the Christmas Bazaar compared to **£3,045.07** last year.

### **Financial Report**

Current Account   £14,033.02

Deposit Account   £3,710.93

Gill Showler asked for four handheld microphones - £230. As long as they are compatible with the school’s sound system, all voted yes!

### **Forthcoming Events:**

#### **Christmas Disco – 11<sup>th</sup> December, 6-8pm**

Need sub groups – helpers on bar, tuck shop and patrol. Fiona will put rotas up in the entrance hall.

We would like School Council to give feedback for evening events. Possibly change Valentines disco to a cinema night?

#### **Pick-A-Present – 14<sup>th</sup> December**

We have six volunteers so far (although more turn up on the day!) Children to bring donations on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, tables to be set up in the Music Room on Monday.

Need to put people in charge of choosing presents/guidance, wrapping/labels, etc.

Donations of wrapping paper gratefully received!

If children do not bring £1, they will be given a IOU slip.

Need a rota for classes.

We have two boxes of presents in cupboard, but short on men’s presents (socks, etc!)

### **Santa's Sack – 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Thank you to all Class Reps for orders. Books due in school soon (please check if your books are in the Music Room). Please put wrapped books in Friend's cupboard in the library by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.

### **Spring Events**

Bob Holiday keen to run Family Fortunes.

Possibly host an adult's quiz night, pamper evening with bar, treasure hunt?

Need to get more men involved – ad campaign?

Maximum of two events during Spring term.

Need to think about Easter activities/events!

### **AOB**

Fiona will close '100 Club' as has now run its course.

Suggestion of booking Norton Knatchball jazz band for summer fair in January.

### **Next Meetings**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – Christmas meal at The Tickled Trout, Wye, 7.30pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – The Conningbrook, Kennington, 8pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – The Conningbrook, Kennington, 8pm