

Minutes of the Friends Meeting. Thursday 24th September 2015, The Conningbrook at 8pm

Present: John Rumbold (Chair), Fiona Sussams, Justine Haskell, Gill Showler, Verity Eason, Julie Sweeney, Caroline Ross, Katy Parr, Craig Macara, Mary Pratt.

Apologies: Jo Brackley, Jackie Kingsely

John thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Financial Report

Current Account £9,712.89
Deposit Account £3,710.47
Total £13,423.68

A vote was taken on the new set of iPads for the school (14 iPads). These will cost £3,863.33. Heavy duty cases will also be needed – budget around £70 extra. The school can go ahead and order these.

Mrs Reynolds would like around £40 to buy spring bulbs, compost and pots for the infants to plant a bulb each and give to the residents of Luckley House. Everyone agreed this was fine.

Forthcoming Events:

International Week

The total cost of the week two years ago was £3,500. Parents have been asked to donate £5 per child (last time this was £1200), although less is expected this year. The Friends have been asked to contribute and a vote was taken to donate £2,000 to International Week. Try to recoup money back through ticket sales and bar. It was decided the entry fee will be £2 per adult (children free) and this includes food. Possibility of each year group specialising in a different country and parents contributing the country's food? Gill Showler to take ideas back to teachers; they could possibly decorate their classrooms? Bar to go in Music Room and food to be spread out into nearby classrooms to prevent the 'scrum' that is encountered each year. Volunteers needed for bar, supervising/serving food, setting up and clearing up – rotas to be put up in school entrance as this worked well with summer disco. Children to write a letter to parents asking for food contributions. Parents to be given 'free choice' to make their own 'signature' dish rather than being told what cuisine to make. Caroline Ross has offered to approach the Joshan of Wye for possible food contributions. Class Reps to liaise with teachers to find out their topics. This will be discussed at the forthcoming Class Rep meeting on Tuesday 29th September.

Christmas/Valentines Disco

Jo Brackley suggested cancelling the Christmas disco and postponing the Valentines disco until the end of the Easter term, although the majority thought these discos should still go ahead as planned.

AOB

Secretary, Chair and Vice Chair of Friends needed. John will step down as Chair in October 2016, but would like somebody to step forward asap for a smooth transition. Fiona Sussams has agreed to temporarily take on the role as Vice Chair until Christmas, but cannot after due to work commitments. Still looking for Secretary.

Class Rep meeting

Fiona will hold a Class Rep meeting in the Music Room on Tuesday 29th September at 2.30pm.

Marketing

Need to market 'new' parents – maybe have meetings at school during the day?
Afternoon would be preferable to morning.

Next Meetings

AGM Friday 16th October 2015, after International Evening in Miss Pizzey's classroom.

Thursday 5th November 2015 at 8pm, at the Tickled Trout, Wye.

Thursday 3rd December 2015 at 8pm, at the Conningbrook, Kennington.