

Minutes of FoW 12/01/2015

Held in Fleece Pub, Otley

Present = Wendy Forde (Chairperson), Helen Carpenter, Joanne Hattersley, Andrew Ross, Victoria Mirfield (Secretary), Charlotte Evans (Treasurer), Debbie Parapia, Kevin Jacobs, Hannah Morley,

- 1) **Welcome and Apologies:** Serena Lunn, Becky Polhammer, Bec Bardgett.
- 2) **Minutes of last meeting** approved although the majority of those present reported to the Chair that they had been unable to open the electronic version of the minutes as had others members not present.
- 3) **Recent Events**
 - a) **Victorian Fayre.** This made £370 profit. Thank you to everyone involved and lots of comments about how lovely the stall looked with the handicrafts. We need to order less bottles of wine next year although it was pointed out that these do sell afterwards and it was also suggested that we need bigger signage so that people are aware our stall sells mulled wine. A large tarpaulin was purchased to cover the stall and this is available for any other events.
 - b) **Santa's Presents.** His elves had excelled themselves this year with the quality of the gifts and they were a big success with all the children. Thank you.
 - c) **Name Labels.** These are available to buy on line and a percentage of the price goes to the school. Details will be included in new starter packs and also passed onto the school at large.
- 4) **Forthcoming Events.**
 - a) **FoW Logo Competition.** Wendy has produced a letter to go out about this and Hannah Morley is kindly doing an assembly to tell the children. It will be open to children only to design a FoW logo and there will be a £10 gift voucher for the winner. Ms Carpenter will ask Francis from the Big Hoo Ha if she would be prepared to act as judge and then we need to find out how to turn the winning design into a useable logo for advertising, letterheads, posters etc.
 - b) **School Disco.** This is on the 22nd January and Laurel Chambers is organizing
 - c) **Cake Stall.** Planned for 12/02/15 and the usual cake stall committee have it in hand.
 - d) **Uniform Sale.** Two coming up (thank you Gail Brogden), one on 19/01 and one at the Easter Fayre. Donations welcome at any time.
 - e) **Easter Fair.** 28/03/15. Liz Bownes, Debbie Parapia, Clare Marsh and Gail Brogden are all organizing and Becky Polhammer has also volunteered to join them. Calls for donations and manning the stalls will go out nearer the time.
 - f) **Easter Bunny Gift.** Traditionally the Easter Bunny brings every child a Crème Egg with an alternative for those with allergies and Wendy will check with Serena Lunn if she is helping the bunny again this year.
 - g) **Rag Bag.** w/c 27/04/2015 and thank you again to Jo Newell who always has this event well in hand.
 - h) **Carnival.** A big thank you to Cathy MacDonald who took the lead so brilliantly last year. This year Hannah Webster, Steph Woods and Becky Polhammer are taking it on and a letter will go out around February half term for judging in March to decide this year's theme.

- i) **Refreshments at Maypole and Sports Day.** Some debate was had about this. It was suggested that the gas urn could be used to ensure that everyone at the Maypole had access to buying hot drinks but there was felt to be a health and safety issue so the arrangements will be as last year. Refreshments at Sports Day were felt not to return enough profit for the trouble of taking everything needed to Grove Hill Park and that most people seem to bring their own food and drink.
 - j) **Art Exhibition.** This had been proposed previously and the idea was debated again. A proposal was made that perhaps it could be opened to any adults who also wished to contribute any art work but it was decided it should be for children only and parents/carers could buy the art. As it may involve some extra work for teaching staff, it was left that it would be discussed in school and then fed back to Debbie Parapia about feasibility. It may be possible to organize a public exhibition of the best 2 items from each class. The end of June could be a good time.
- 4) **Year Six Leavers' Year Book.** Natalie Lord has organised this recently and is no longer available so it will fall on FoW as we fund them. Templates exist for the Year 6 children to fill in and then these need to be collated along with contributions from Ms Carpenter and Mr Hackney and then turned into a book, which is presented to each child in Leaver's Assembly. Wendy will contact Natalie Lord to find out exactly what needs to be done.
- 5) **Purchases and Future Spending.** Costumes has been purchased recently including leotards, Chinese, Irish and fabrics and we are now saving for the purchase of a lighting rig for the hall.
- 6) **AOB**
- Thank you to Rachel Michael for donating a large quantity of very good quality books to the school. This was incredibly generous and it was agreed that a £20 voucher be given as a small token of appreciation. Also, thanks to Hannah Morley for collecting and delivering to school.

There was also a brief discussion about having a FoW Twitter feed but as none of those present use Twitter, this was not taken forward.

Thank you to everyone who helps to organize and run events and who support the events as FoW would not exist without you.

Date for Next Meeting Monday 23/02/2015 in Fleece Pub at 7.30pm. Everyone very welcome.