

Minutes of FoW 23/02/2015

Held in Fleece Pub, Otley

Present = Wendy Forde (Chairperson), Helen Carpenter, Victoria Mirfield (Secretary), Debbie Parapia, Hannah Morley, Clare Marsh, Gill Mullens and Steff Wood.

1) Welcome and Apologies: Serena Lunn, Bec Bardgett, Liz Bownes, Kevin Jacobs, Charlotte Evans, Laurel Chambers, Andrew Ross all sent their apologies.

2) Minutes of last meeting approved.

3) Recent Events

- a) Logo Competition.** There has been a good response and the School Council have shortlisted 3 entries which will be judged by Frances from the Big Hoo Ha. These will be announced in assembly and Wendy will ask Charlotte (treasurer) to organize a £10 voucher for the winner. Hopefully Frances will help turn the winning entry into a logo.
- b) School Uniform Sale.** The most recent one raised approx. £20. All donations gratefully received.
- c) Disco.** Approx. £203 has been banked. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and good feedback received for the DJ and the crisps. This year there was plenty of stock. This year, some of the children had their mobile phones with them and were taking photos and posting on social media which could lead potentially to problems with permission. Next year, the disco letter will include a message recommending that people do not bring phones to the disco or keep them safely put away.
- d) Cake Stall.** Approx. £320 was raised for Bliss. Some concerns had been raised that fund raising for an alternative charity was against the constitution of FoW. The constitution was discussed and in 2011 it was agreed that there would be 3 cake stalls a year (separate to other events). The first would raise funds for sponsoring a child in Nepal, the second for a nominated charity and the third, for FoW funds. Everyone present at the meeting was happy to continue this and anyone is free to nominate a charity. There was a suggestion that the first £200 raised could go to a charity. It was felt that it was clear on the plates sent home and the posters, that proceeds were for Bliss.

4) Forthcoming Events.

- a) Toy Fair.** This is this Friday, organized by Gail Brogden and Liz Bownes. Volunteers are needed from 1pm and the A board put out to promote it.
- b) Easter Fair.** 28/03/15. This is our biggest fund raiser and the organizing committee is hard at work. Volunteers are needed and a sign up sheet was passed around. This will also be circulated in the staff room (thank you staff) and also in the playground nearer the date. Debbie Parapia is co-ordinating the raffle and again needs volunteers to approach local businesses to ask for donations and also to sell raffle tickets nearer the time. There is a list of businesses and a covering letter available from Debbie if anyone can help.
- c) Easter Bunny Gift.** Serena Lunn is happy to help the Easter Bunny again this year.

- d) Carnival. 20/06/2015** Steff Woods brought everyone up to date with carnival arrangements. The letter to invite ideas will be going out shortly. The carnival committee could do with a couple of additional people to help with the planning. Insurance is in place but a risk assessment is needed.
- e) Refreshments at Maypole. 21/05/2015.**Volunteers will be needed from 13.30 onwards.
- f) Art Exhibition.** TOGS (The Old Grammar School) said they would be happy to judge and exhibit some winning work but no one felt able to take on the organization of this event this year so it will be discussed again as an idea next academic year. Debbie P showed a sample canvas and it was agreed it was suitable.
- g) Year Six Year Book.** Helen Jackson and Wendy Forde have offered to help Mr Hackney with this.

5) AOB.

- a)** Steff Woods asked if she could publicize a Pirate Ball being held to raise funds for a local cause and this will be put in the next school newsletter.
- b)** The Facebook page does not seem to be very popular and we should all try and make sure people are aware of it. Ms C talked about generating a QR code that could be scanned from the notice boards, newsletters etc which is an idea to take 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 27/04/2015 in Fleece Pub at 7.30pm.
Everyone is very welcome, old and new.