

FoM Minutes

Item 1 - Present

Sara Fletcher, Liz Hannaford, Claire Johnston, Vanessa Rudd, Sue Crowther, Angela, Jacqui Terry, Sue Morris, Cath Brady, Nicola Riding, Bev Ansty, Laura Halls, Kate, Mini FoM

- Apologies

Helen Frost, Chris Unwin, Debra Burns, Helen Williams, Anita Ford, Jane Parker, Lisa Chalmers,

Item 2 - Feedback from Recent Events

Easter Egg Hunt - It was noted that no letter of apology had been received from the boys who caused damage. Bev Ansty volunteered to look into this. The event made a profit of £291 compared with the 2012 event which raised £235.

Mother's Day Tea and Cake - It was agreed that this was a very enjoyable event. A generous donation of £50 was made to FoM.

Item 3 - Mini FoM

Mini FoM had had a meeting on Monday lunch time to discuss fundraising ideas. They came up with the idea of a Rainbow Raffle whereby each class brings in items of a particular colour. They made posters which are already on display around school. (See Item 6)

They are very supportive of the idea of a Juniors' Campfire. There will be food, marshmallows and then just an opportunity to hang out with friends. Safety is a factor which FoM needs to discuss with Mr Nicholson. Previously, a big climbing rope has been placed in a ring around the fire pit to prevent children getting too close. Mini FoM are going to design a logo to be used for future events.

Item 4 - Financial Update

Helen Hewetson submitted her financial report which showed the current profit for Sept 12-Aug 13 to stand at £5568.

Item 5 - Newsletter

Liz is planning to distribute a newsletter next week. It will include Sara's sponsored slim, financial update, Dates for your Diary, camping trip details, an appeal for people to hang onto unwanted clothes for the frox detox. We will also offer space for parents to advertise goods for sale eg football boots, dance shoes in return for a £1 donation.

Item 6 - Future Events

Frocks Detox - Thursday 19th September. Vanessa and Angela volunteered to take the lead on this. Perhaps Louise Reid would like to come and offer her dress alteration services? We will ask

people to hold on to their good quality, pre-loved women's/children's clothes and accessories which can be sold at our September event. All proceeds got to FoM. This will be a good opportunity for new mums to mix. Liz to put something about this into the next Newsletter. Vanessa and Angela to arrange a flyer.

Juniors' Campfire - Friday 19th July. It was suggested that some of the school dads are firefighters and they could be persuaded perhaps to man the event combined with a talk about firefighting. Jacqui to approach the dads in questions. FoM to approach Mr Nicholson to discuss safety issues and levels of supervision required.

Spring Barbecue - Friday 17th May 5.30 - 8pm (back-up date 21st June). We have two options for a BBQ - Moira at the Oak has said we can borrow their gas one. There's also the possibility of using the sports club's. Helen Hewitson will ask Martin Mochan about this because he organised the lacrosse barbecue recently. She will see if Phil Hewitson will organise a dads' rota for the bbq.

After a brief discussion of the options, it was decided to hold the event at school so we could maximise bar profits. We will not lay on any entertainment. Instead, people will be asked to bring their own balls etc. Cath Brady will ask Linnet Clough if we can borrow patio tables but otherwise we'll suggest people bring their own rugs.

Food will consist of sausages and burgers in bread rolls plus onions and ketchup/mustard. We will also need a small, separate barbecue for the vegetarian burgers. Liz will ask Graham Parker to see if Maurice in Romily might be interested in supplying the meat.

We will also have a sweets, cupcakes and soft drinks stall to be run by mini FoM with help from FoM.

Liz to ask on Facebook for offers of gazebos for the event.

Bev Ansty, other members of staff and Vanessa have volunteered to work on the bar. Vanessa will look into the feasibility of getting a barrel of brewery ale.

Jacqui to organise rota for bar and sweet stall.

Concerns were raised about the supervision of children. We will make it clear on the flyer that this is a family event and children must be supervised at all times.

Liz to see if Bex can do a flyer ASAP.

Camping Trip - 5th-7th July. Everyone agreed that Bex had done a fantastic poster for the camping trip. Already, over half the 35 available pitches have been booked.

Further Film Nights - Wednesday 19th June. Sue C agreed to look after this with Lisa Chalmers. This date is during the yr 5&6 residential but, since the film nights don't attract many older juniors, this was not felt to be an issue.

Spring Raffle - There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 10th May when children will be asked to bring in a raffle prize in the colour allocated to their class. The draw will be at the Spring Bbq. Jacqui agreed to look for last year's letter about the raffle and send to Sara to rewrite. This will go into book bags on Friday to allow parents a weekend to make the purchase.

Next Year

Something for new parents - Liz to produce a separate newsletter targetted at new parents for the evening meeting.

Curry and Quiz - Friday 11th October

Item 7 - AOB

Mrs Ansty will look into a sponsored silly socks event as held previously during the school day.

Nicola passed on Lisa's idea for an event where parents could sell on children's sports/dance equipment. It was agreed this would be best in the newsletter (see Item 5)

Next Meeting and New Chair

No date for the next meeting was set. There were no volunteers to take over from Sara as chair.