



Friends of Finham



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Bringing the school and wider community together

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Meeting 12th September 2016

Minutes

Present: Jane Long, Jo McLean, Ginny Jones, Gaynor Miller, Dave Long, Angela Hinson, Chris Meakin, Salome, Di

Apologies: Rev. Jeremy Hyde, Mandy Gilmore

Treasurer's Report

Ginny will give a full report at the AGM.

Currently, we have £2490 in our account.

Fundraising Events over the summer term

Godiva Festival

We took £460, although it cost us £261.73 to run. However, we felt it raised our profile well and was successful. Next year we will repeat the headbands as they went well, but limit the face painting to festival dots as it was quicker and more profitable. It would also be good to sell bottles of water.

Many thanks to our **new sponsor Elizabeth Davenport Estate Agents** for both funding the stall and providing us with a wonderful new banner!

We need to promote their offer of donating £100 to FoF each time a school family sells a house via them in the new school year.

Non-Uniform Day

This was a great success and raised over £1000!

Many thanks to the school for organising this.

Say Goodbye to the Tie

Not successful. Now that Jane and Dave's daughter is in the sixth form, Jane will explore ways in which to get the sixth formers involved with collecting/donating unwanted ties and other uniform.

Stivichall Summer Fete

We raised £180 and feel it was worth doing as it raises the profile of FoF with Stivichall parents.

Nancy's Thank you Fete

This was not very successful but we were pleased to support Nancy and her family and, again, it will have raised awareness of FoF.

School Liaison/School IT link

We have reminded Viv that these positions still need to be clarified and hope to receive a response shortly.

AGM – 26th September

The library and refreshments are booked. JM and JL will publicise via Friends groups and ask the school to send an email to parents.

Quiz Night – 14th October

We decided to run this ourselves. Kat's Dad runs quizzes and has agreed to help with questions for a small cost. Dave will be the quizmaster and JL will see if she can enlist a few sixth formers to mark the rounds.

JL has booked the Green Lane Social Club, who have once again generously allowed us to have the room at no cost. We decided to go with chip batches again as they were popular and easy to do. GJ will see if Green Lane Chip shop will supply them for a change. We will also do Heads and Tails.

JL will write to various organisations for **raffle prizes, but we would welcome any donations on the night!**

Open Evening for potential new parents 29th September

JL and JM will man a stall with uniform and our notice board purely to raise awareness of the group. We will see if we can be in a better position.

Calendar of Events

JL has put together a calendar of events for the year which was agreed, with a few additions/amendments.

Strapline

Having taken advice from PTA UK, we agreed to use our strap line on any literature created by us, separately to the school as we are a distinct organisation and do not have the same aims as the school.

Other Business

E-mail loop

This needs updating – JM to ask if people want to be removed.

Uniform donations

We still have a box at St Martin's Church in the Hub which we need to publicise.

GJ suggested holding school uniform shop at the end of the summer term at the school. This will be discussed later in the year.

Fete idea

GM suggested using an idea from Nancy's Fete of having a bubbly stall at an event in future, where all prizes are bubbly – bubble bath, bubbles, sparkling water, champagne etc.

Gazebo

JL has obtained a free gazebo for us!

Uniform Sale – 26th November

We will have a stall again at St Martin's Christmas Fete on Saturday 26th November. Volunteers needed please!

Christmas Social – Thursday 15th December

We will hold our social at the Burnt Post again. Details to be agreed at our next meeting.

Next Meeting

AGM on Monday 26th September at 7pm in the school library.

We welcome friends, new and old!