

Friends of Finham
Meeting 14th November 2016



Minutes

Present: Jane Long, Jo McLean, Ginny Jones, Dave Long, Angela Hinson, Jo Price, Di Phillips, Lee Bolam (guest)

Apologies: Emma Taylor, Gaynor Millar

Treasurer's Report:

We have a total of £3177.75 in our account.

The sweet sale has raised £60 so far with 50% going to the VIth Form.

Quiz Night

We agreed that this had been our best fundraising evening ever! It was admirably presented by Dave Long, despite the fact he was unwell and ended up in hospital for two days afterwards! Thankfully, he is well on the way to recovery, but we thank him for his dedication to our cause! Jane was also congratulated upon the questions which she put together, which most teams found nicely challenging.

We raised a total of £612.05!

Many thanks to all who attended; the Green Lane Social Club for letting us have the room free; Frydays for the great chips, once again; Vagdia and Holmes for sponsoring the event together with Nyanza Autoparts who also provided the grand prize of a dash cam, Tesco's for the free bread rolls, Elizabeth Davenport and Leamington Therapy Centre for providing two great prizes!

School Liaison and VIth Form Ambassadors

We now have a new School Liaison officer, Will Neale who has been supporting us with events in school, although has not managed to get to any events or meeting so far. However, we are very pleased to have him on board and look forward to building up our relationship with the staff and pupils.

Jane has also succeeded in creating VIth Form Ambassadors and we were very grateful to the students who came and marked the quiz for us – it was very professional and helped the evening run very smoothly. In addition, 10 students ran the recent sweet sale, promoting and selling to the younger students. In return, we are providing each student with a letter confirming the hours they have helped us,

which they can use as evidence of taking part in enrichment activities for their UCAS applications. Ryan Downie, the Head of the Vith Form, is very keen on building these links.

IT

We are still having difficulties with getting banners on the school website and updating things on our pages. Viv Maginness got involved to get the Quiz banner published. We will persevere!

We discussed having our own website, which would then allow parents to buy tickets via Paypal as well as being easier to keep us to date. We will look into this further.

We also need to promote our Easyfundraiser page in the run up to Christmas. Will have had it sent to the staff via their daily bulletin and we have had our first donation, courtesy of a purchase by Jane – thanks Jane!

Christmas Uniform Sale

We need to promote this via the school site, e-mail and partner primaries (Emma).

Laurah, Ginny, Jo and Jane are free to help and Jane will sort a rota out.

It is teacher training day on Friday so we need to check that Jo and Jane are able to collect the stock.

Christmas Social

This has been changed to Wednesday 14th Dec at 7.30pm in the Burnt Post. FoF will, once again, provide a light buffet for those attending. Please let us know asap if you would like to come!

School communication

Jo will e-mail Viv to confirm events for next year: Dragon's Den; Planetarium chocolate sale; non-uniform day etc.

Community Driven

Lee Bolam (whose son will be attending the school next year), attended to explain his fundraising project.

In summary, Lee works for Bristol Street Motors and saw a gap in the market for giving back to the community and has set up Community Driven which arranges for donations of £100 to be given to local good causes for every new car or van sold. In future, he hopes to be able to extend the deal to second hand cars too.

The idea is that we would have our own "landing page" on their website, so if anyone is interested in buying a new car and clicks through our link, they would get to a FoF Community Driven page to see all of the latest deals. They could also choose to sign up for regular updates if they wished to. Any enquiries would go directly to Lee's team. Any sales would result in a photo opportunity of the cheque presentation.

We agreed that it sounded interesting and the committee will get together to discuss the implications further, before getting back to Lee.

Other Business

Sponsorship

It was suggested that Elizabeth Davenport be asked to use one of the houses currently for sale for publicity of our deal with them.

Parents Evenings

It was agreed that we should have a presence at Parent's Meetings up to year 9. JL will check the dates.

Bingo Evening

We agreed that this had been a success and should be repeated next March. A parent was suggested who is apparently a great bingo caller and Jo will contact him to see if he is prepared to help out.

Committee

Jo Price has agreed to shadow Ginny this year and take over as Treasurer next year! Thanks Jo.

If anyone would like to do the same for Chair or Secretary, please get in touch.

Next Meeting

The Christmas Social on Wednesday 14th December 7.30pm at the Burnt Post.