

Minutes
Friends of Longstone School
Meeting 20th September 2018

Present – Jo Kennedy, Jenny Reeves, Allen Morris, Emily Swindell, Gemma Harvey, Julie Cox, Jo Mitchell, Jenna Jackson

Apologies – Jane Stirland, Sophie Bell, Niki Ramsden, Kerry Darlow

Action Points

Emily – Waitrose token collection

Julie – lighting for the Elves' Secret Workshop

Emily – speak to Kerry about Santa

Jenny – get more information on the Stomp workshop

Jane – Table Top Sale

Emily/Jo – advertise events on FOLS Facebook & website

Emily opened the meeting and the previous minutes from 10th May 2018 were signed off. Allen gave Gemma a cheque for £235 for the purchase of the library unit.

Agenda Points –

1. Treasurer Update

Allen advised we have a total of £6,789 in the bank. Emily explained to the new teachers about FOLS and the purchase of the climbing frame. Allen advised the Royal Bank of Scotland has now closed in Bakewell, but we can now use NatWest. We will be consolidating into one account, Kerry Darlow and Allen are dealing with this.

2. Review of previous events

Emily advised the stand up to cancer cake sale was a great success and we raised a total of £137.88 over two days of selling.

The sponsored bike ride was a great event. 16 children took part over 2 weeks, it was casual and great fun for the children and their families. A total of £439.50 was raised. All in agreement to do another one next year.

Emily did not attend the Summer Sizzle but thanked everyone for their help and support. Jo and Jenna advised that there was great feedback from both parents and children. The feedback from the parents who manned the bouncy castle was that it was very chaotic and maybe next year ask a teacher to man

it. The total profit from the sizzle was £740.15 which was a decrease from the previous year however this year we had to pay £100 for the photo booth. The children all love the photo booth, so it was agreed by all to continue this at future summer sizzles, also not as much opportunity to sell raffle tickets as the Gala concert was after the sizzle unlike last year. The tuck and toys sold well, maybe next year get more as the children really enjoyed buying these.

Gemma advised that the children really enjoyed the drama day and Emily said it would be nice for the parents to watch and see the children's performance for any future drama days. Emily advised for future that there is someone who does science related shows and would be something to investigate for the summer term.

3. Basketball Hoops

Emily explained to Jenny Reeves what was requested before summer. Allen had previously done some research and showed this to Jenny. It was agreed that we will purchase 1 freestanding hoop and 3 wall mounted hoops. Allen advised we can purchase all for £394.97 ex VAT. Mr Unwin has agreed to put up the wall mounted hoops. All in agreement to purchase these.

4. School Wish List, Projects & Ideas

Jo Kennedy and Sophie Bell have requested the purchase of some storage sheds for Donaldson Class's outside area. Emily has received an email from Sophie with details and images of the sheds they wish to get. Gemma and Jo Kennedy visited a school in Chesterfield to view these sheds. They are used to store toys and outdoor equipment and they have maths and literacy themes on the front. Sophie has asked FOLS to purchase one of the sheds. The cost is £348 ex VAT. The sheds include all the shelving inside but not the baskets as shown in the images.

Jenny Reeves advised she had received a leaflet about a workshop for the children. Stomp come in and do activities for the children. The cost is approximately £480 for the whole day for all children. Jenny advised this would be a great idea as they are wanting to do a dance festival January/February time. Jenny advised about 5 or 6 people come in and teach the children, she will find out more information and let us know.

Gemma advised there is a group called Footprint Theatre. They come in and do a production for the children and some activities. It is suitable for both KS1 and KS2 and would be a nice Christmas treat for the children. the cost is £1.85 per head.

Gemma then advised she would like to introduce family dining at lunchtime. The children will come in and sit straight down and then servers will come around and serve the food. At the moment the children have to line up in the corridors to get their lunch and it is causing a few issues. Gemma said that serving equipment, plates and bowls will be needed as the trays will no longer be required. Gemma is asking FOLS to purchase this equipment at a cost of approximately £600. Gemma is planning to implement this new dining regime after Christmas, there are some logistics to plan etc. Julie Cox asked if it is

possible to source the equipment cheaper, Gemma has 3-4 suppliers she is looking at so will do some more research regarding cost.

Gemma advised that Mrs Hartley is wanting a black background for school performances. She has spoken to a couple of parents who can make the backdrop, it was agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

Emily asked if all wanting to vote on everything that has been requested, a total cost of £1,965. Jenna and Jo advised happy to go with everything. Emily then advised if we buy one of the sheds and possibly do another Waitrose token collection to raise funds to purchase a second shed. We were all in agreement with this. Gemma explained that school will purchase both sheds, FOLS will fundraise for the second shed and give the money back to the school.

5. Upcoming Events

The 10th November 2018 10am – 12pm has been agreed to have the Table Top Sale. Letters will be sent out in bookbags and will be on the school website, Emily will also post on the FOLS Facebook page. Jane is organising this and it has been agreed this year to do for all ages, but Julie advised no big, bulky items as these are hard to store. We can set up after school on the Friday after clubs.

The Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday 7th December 3:30 – 5pm. A letter will be sent out to parents. Emily has designed the poster and all agreed was great. Julie asked if we can change the name of The Elves Workshop as previous years it was known as the Secrecy Room, so the children didn't quite know what the Elves Workshop was. We all agreed to change the name to The Elves' Secret Workshop. Also, more lights are needed as it was quite dark last year. Julie will research this, Jo suggested purchasing some battery powered lights from Amazon. Emily will speak to Kerry Darlow about Santa, also budget for selection boxes, and purchase some laminating pouches for the outdoor posters.

On the 12th October there will be a used uniform sale after school, letters will be sent out to parents asking for any unwanted uniform which will either be sold or if not saleable will be used to make the bunting. Jane Stirland will be setting up just before 3pm and Julie Cox has agreed to help.

The Winter Quiz and Supper was a great success last year and 31st January 2019 has been set for the next one at the same venue. A total of £850 was made last year. Tickets will be sold at £10 per person. It was discussed at previous meeting whether to arrange transport, but all in agreement that this is an unnecessary cost.

6. Cake Sales

Cake sales have now been handed back to the school to set up and sell but FOLS will still provide a float. The dates of the cake sales are as follows:

12th October – Rowling

29th November – Tolkien

18th January – Morpurgo

15th February – Dahl
29th March – Donaldson
17th May – Pre-School

20th June – Sports Day

7. Date for next meeting & AGM

The date for the next FOLS meeting and the AGM has been set for 22nd November at 7pm at the Crispin at Great Longstone.

8. Any Other Business

Gemma asked if FOLS were happy to pay Mrs Unwin £85 - £90 for the new gardening club. All in agreement.