

## **Minutes**

### **Friends of Longstone School**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018**

**Attendees** – Allen Morris, Emily Swindell, Jo Mitchell, Mark Taylor, Julie Cox, Jane Stirland, Elizabeth Fisher, Jenna Jackson, Kerry Darlow

**Absences** – Gemma Harvey

Emily opened the meeting and the previous minutes from 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were signed off.

#### **1. Review of Previous Events**

Emily thanked Elizabeth for organising the starlight collection and we raised a total of £27 for FOLS. Emily thanked Jane, Julie and helpers for the uniform sale. A total of £61.10 was made. Jane advised that she has a lot of uniform and is finding it difficult to store at home. Jane advised that Gemma may be getting some storage at school, but this may not be suitable for storing uniform. Jane asked when best to do the next uniform sale to which Emily suggested March/April and in June before the end of the summer term and also need to target new starters at the meeting.

Emily thanked Jane and all helpers for the table top sale. Allen advised we made a total of £299.40 which was slightly less than last year. Emily asked if happy to do it again next year. All in agreement as it is a busy event and there were quite a few people that weren't connected to the school who came. Emily suggested raising the cost of a table, but Jane advised until the event is more reputable, the price should stay the same. Emily suggested adding the price to hire a table to the posters and other advertising so more people may be inclined to hire a table as the price will be much clearer.

#### **2. Christmas Bazaar**

Emily will ask if anyone can donate decorations for the grotto. A grotto door has been offered and very much appreciated. The price of the secret workshop is to stay at £1 and the cost of refreshments will be £1 and 50p. Jo will do a Christmas playlist for the hall. Allen will sort out all the floats for the children's games. There will also be a new stall of sweets in a jar and will be charged at 50p per go. Jo's mum has knitted some Christmas decorations and all money raised will be donated to FOLS. Agreed to charge £2 per bag.

#### **3. Christmas Cards**

The Christmas cards will not be done this year but all in agreement to do next year. The last couple of years it hasn't been a great success as it is a lot of work. FOLS will investigate doing again to school and FOLS are happy to cover the cost of supplies.

#### **4. Winter Disco**

The date has been agreed for the disco to take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The infant disco will be 5:45 – 6:45 and the juniors will be 7-8pm. Emily advised that entry will be £3 for a

drink and a finger light. There will be no glow sticks this year. We will be borrowing the lights again and will also be selling refreshments and pizza. There will also be other items for sale for the children. Emily will check if anything else needs to be purchased. Jo is happy to do the music again with suggested music from all the children and Elizabeth is happy to do games for the infant disco as this was a great success last year.

**5. Winter Quiz**

The date for the winter quiz will be Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 8pm for an 8:30pm start. It will be £10 per ticket and there will be tables of 2, 4 or 5. The price includes supper and will be held at the Royal Oak at Hurdlow again. We will push in the new year and get tickets sold. Emily advised we already have prizes for the quiz and we will ask around for raffle prizes.

**6. Review of recent purchases and any other requests**

The purchase of the basketball hoops has proved popular with the children, but it has been suggested to buy another which can be lower for the younger children. The cushions for the library still need to be purchased and two sheds for Donaldson have been purchased which FOLS have agreed to pay for one and fundraise for the other. We are still waiting to hear back about the stomp session from Mrs Reeves. The Giving Machine has been suggested for help with fundraising. It is similar to Easy Fundraising, Allen has agreed to investigate this.

The date for the next meeting will be Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7pm at The White Lion.