

Friends of Burhill School
Minutes of Meeting Monday 1 April 2019

Present: Heather Webb (Chair and Minutes), Sally Taylor, Sara Gravil, Diane Dewar, Julia Roberts, Emma Cairns, Adele Quinn, Cat Hinchliffe

Apologies: Sarah King, Rhiannon Flury, Dori Gandhi

Burhill Brits Feedback

All money is now in and this year's Ball made a grand total of £9247 profit. 164 dinner tickets and 56 disco tickets were sold. Costs were up on last year but more disco tickets were sold and more was made from the various auctions to cover these. The meeting recorded thanks to Cat Bennett and the rest of the Ball team for their hard work organising this year's event.

Mrs Taylor mentioned that the layout of this year's Ball made it difficult for the goody bags to be sold at the start of the evening, as people were squeezing through a small space trying to get into the main room. Cat Hinchliffe also mentioned it was difficult to hear the auction at times as the speaker close to their table had been taken away. On the whole though, feedback has been very positive.

Strictly Event Update

Sadly due to unforeseen circumstances this event has had to be cancelled. An email has been sent to all participants. As returning cheques via book bags could result in them going missing, it was suggested that individual applicants be emailed to let them know they would need to check the bags.

The only outgoings that cannot be refunded are the alcohol licence and a few small sundries, but these (e.g. tablecloths) can easily be used at future FoBS events.

Cat Hinchliffe to email class reps to alert them to the cancellation of the event.

Summer Fair

Offers of help are trickling in but more volunteers are still desperately needed.

Adele Quinn confirmed the circus is booked for Friday 21 June at Vaux Mead and various members of the troupe will then perform at the Fair the following day. So far the Fair committee have booked three inflatables and the bungee trampolines as they proved so popular last year. Cat Hinchliffe queried if it was worth selling the wristbands again this year as some of the queues for activities (particularly the bungee trampolines) were so long. Adele replied that it would be worth alerting people to the likelihood of long queues so that they could allow for this when planning their day.

The meeting discussed hiring of the portable loos and if they could be delivered early so they could be used for the various Sports Days. Adele to find out if this is possible.

Sara Gravil asked if children would need permission slips signed in order to go to the Friday event. Mrs Taylor replied that it would be listed in the Summer Term activities letter.

All Dance Club groups will be performing at the Fair. Music will also feature – Heather to coordinate with Mrs Hinsley.

Discos

Jess Forster has kindly agreed to coordinate these again this year. All years will be held on Friday 5 July with 2 year groups taking part in each disco. Jay Grigor will act as DJ. It was remarked that we will need to specify no mobile phones are allowed as several were brought in by children last year.

Ice Cream Sales

A call for volunteers to be made on the FoBS WhatsApp group. Regarding purchasing the ice creams, Mrs Taylor suggested speaking to Lidl, though apparently they were not very enthusiastic about helping when approached by the Ball committee.

Any Other Business

Hardship Fund – Sara Grivil reported that she is currently £50 off her £2,000 budget. A lot of money this year has gone on helping to pay for residential trips but all donations have been very gratefully received by those families on lower incomes.

Diane Dewar mentioned the upcoming ball which is being planned to raise money towards Issy Dolby's ongoing therapy costs, and whether we could approach families to donate towards prizes for the auction. Di to speak to Candice about this and report back to a subsequent meeting.

Dates for the Diary

Second Hand Uniform Sale – 24 April at end of school day.

Mufti Day for Summer Fair – 14 June.

Date of Next Meeting – 21 May, 7:30pm.