



FoBS Meeting Minutes

Friday 12th November 2021

Present: Fi Whishaw, Trilby Fox-Rumley, Jen Dady, Katie Lister, Gemma Adams, Kim Smith, Jenny Ashmead, James Johnson, Jo Hammnett

Apologies Sarah Bax, Samira Ali

1. Fireworks night – what we raised, what worked, what didn't

10k raised, very happy as costs increased massively this year.

Great feedback from attendees.

Electrics/lighting particularly a big improvement this year.

Poss allow an extra 200 next year (max 2,500)

Not selling tickets on the gate made everything much easier.

Booze supply issues – can definitely sell more!

JJ Cheaper glow sticks? although cheap ones were v poor quality.

Bought 600 units, but could have sold more, def focus on the good stuff!

Snap glow sticks as an option, although single use so overall less keen.

Hot dogs sold out 5 mins before fireworks so prob about the right quantity.

Suggest to crisps on bar instead of sweet treats.

TFR - Put all food on one side so you can see queues at all outlets and make a decision as to where you go, might reduce the really long one for pizza!

GA - 2 glow stands? to reduce the queue. Wifi didn't stretch to glow stand, needs 3/4G device connected in this location.

Need to book a proper, full fireworks debrief session as lots of feedback has been sent through to the FOBS email address.

2. Father Christmas – *volunteers needed*

Kim to ask her partner. Also will need some elves to help!

3. Wrapping presents – *volunteers needed*

Request to be put on volunteers group.

Poss meet in groups for wrapping session, or distribute individually with a roll of paper if easier.

JJ happy to host a wrapping evening.

4. Hampers for vulnerable families

Audrey would like a treats box, Smiles2Smiles do basics, so sweets/treats for kids from us.

Would be good include board games.

Getting back to us with numbers, including a breakdown of family makeup so we can buy accordingly.

5. Christmas card and tea towel sales

Sold £1,000 of tea towels already!

Reminder to order to be sent on Monday.

Card artwork has been sent off.

6. Hot chocolate cones for 30th Nov

Need to get sorted ASAP! Contents to be ordered this week.

Then need to organise a cone stuffing evening at JJ.

7. Decorating the school on the 30th Nov, followed by a FoBS meeting

Access to school from 3:30ish

FOBS to do Hall, communal areas, teachers do own classroom

Outside trees? Might be better to do three big ones, with proper decorations. (2 outside and 1 inside at office)

FOBS meeting to follow on zoom as well, JJ to organise a microphone.

Mulled wine for decorating session!

8. Christmas crackers

FOBS buy the Christmas crackers for the Christmas lunch.

9. A big spend – Five year minibus lease?

Minibus been discussed since 2019. Buying = ongoing maintenance costs, so leasing def a better option. The issue of the 6 week holiday where potentially we are not using, we could offset with community use.

Licence to drive was a question mark before, this seems to be resolved now, as staff meet criteria.

GA would like to start a lease in the new year.

FOBS funds will be matched within school budget.

Had several quotes, a whole 5 year lease comes in at c.£35,000

GA will see what FOBS offered in previous year, potentially to cover half of the costs.

FOBS would pay lump sum up front and then school would manage going forward.

Also had a £5,000 parent donation which would be good to be used for a big ticket item.

10. Quiz in Jan – save a date?

Avoid 21st Jan.

Fri 28th Jan pencilled in.

Can go back to fish and chips and a paid bar, this could be a really good fund raiser.

11. Shed update!

Need clear storage boxes with lids, will put a shout out on groups to see if anyone has some they could donate. We will use these to organise shed contents into events etc.

Made good progress on clearing.

Will buy a new tall freezer for ice lollies for the summer. Old, broken freezers being picked up on Sunday.

12. Any other business

Christmas jumpers – need help organising, put trollies out, organise rails (speak to Becky Sheen, does she have the rails?)

Ball - Samira suggested she would be happy to lead, need to revisit this as if it's going to go ahead, would need to look at venues and start the search in Jan for a 2023 ball.

Elfridges – to reiterate that FOBS will ensure that all children will visit even if they can't pay. Encourage people to pay for another child? Or a donation with suggested amount?

Litter pick – need to organise another one, Saturday's are good, can bring kids too, before the end of term.

Dug up trees near to chickens– they are being watered but there's no long term plan for them at the moment. JJ suggested could one of them be planted on the path next to nursery, but this empty tree space needs looking at as it's sunk down and needs filling before replanting.

JJ New volunteers – need some good solid volunteers, likes of Bax & Carson on Fireworks bar will leave in next couple of years, need to start encouraging new people!

Need to put a shout out for helpers well in advance of events and make it clear that you don't have to volunteer for your class's stall/responsibility if you want to do something else!

And also make it clear that it's fun!! And it really can be a one-off, you don't have to be dragged in forever and it's social!