

FOBS Meeting Friday 7th June 2019

Present: DC (Chair); GB (Vice-Chair); SH (Treasurer); MB (Head Teacher); SM (Class rep co-ordinator); GC; JL; HAB

Apologies: JH; JP

Matters arising from the Minutes

All actions from previous minutes completed except purchase of new blue Gazebo. This was agreed at the meeting to be ordered via school office for £149. **ACTION: MB**

Treasurers Report

FOBS currently has £13,261 in the bank which is less than at the last meeting as lots of payments for trips have gone out. FOBS will donate a further £2000 to Arts week and £4045 to the garden project.

FOBS have spent £6532 over the past 9 months but have raised £10,478.

The Spring Fair made a **RECORD BREAKING AMOUNT OF £2657!** Well done everybody!

First Aid

GB offered to go to the village defibrillator training taking place on 17th July from 7 – 9pm. **ACTION: MB to let the clerk of Parish Council know.**

1000 Club

HAB explained that membership of the 1000 club had sadly been declining for a number of years. There are now only 19 members and that will probably go down to only 12 members when the current Y6 parents subscriptions expire.

FOBS have tried hard to recruit new subscriptions but with little success. The system of payment by cheques seems quite antiquated and time consuming and the prize money is very small. The profit was £300 last year which is a welcome addition to FOBS funds but all present agreed that it needed a re-think.

● Tickets cost £1 per week

- Raise money! - 40% of all ticket sales go straight to you (more than any major lottery)
- Guaranteed weekly winner - one of your supporters will win a cash prize every week (30% of ticket sales)!
- £25,000 weekly jackpot prize - Every ticket has a further chance of winning £25,000 in a separate draw!

Splitting the pound

- 40p for your school
- 30p for the local prize
- 6p for the £25,000 prize
- 20p for administration*
- 4p for VAT

* Administration includes: transaction costs, hosting, insurance, banking fees etc.

- Supporters can pay in a number of ways:
 - Monthly recurring: Direct Debit / payment card
 - One-off payment for 3/6/12 months of tickets (payment card only)
- Winners will be notified by email each week

MB suggested **My School Lottery** as a possible way forward. This is a nationwide scheme but each individual school benefits from its own membership which can be open not just to parents but to the local community too. The site hosts the lotteries of many schools. There is a weekly rather than monthly prize. The more people who join to support your school, the greater the prize money for your individual school. There is also a separate national weekly draw with a chance to win £25,000 every week. Draws take place automatically and winners are contacted via email and paid their winnings automatically. The minimum entry cost is £1 a week. 1000 club members could be reimbursed for the months remaining on their subscriptions. **ACTION: HAB to investigate further and FOBS possibly launch it in the Autumn term.**

FOBS Current Spending Plans

- School Garden - The work will happen in the summer holidays and as MB has managed to obtain two grants of £500 each (one from www.focusinonlife.org and one from the local village community fund) FOBS has £4045 to find instead of £5045!
- School trips – contributions of 20% from FOBS are on-going.
- Author Visits – we are nearly at the end of this project with 1 more author visit to go. All agreed it had been very beneficial in inspiring the KS2 children to read and write.
- Books for Library – the new books have been ordered and received.
- It was agreed by all present that it would be really useful for FOBS to have a dedicated small chest freezer in school for BBQ food and ice creams / ice pops. A space could easily be found by getting rid of the old TV/ Video unit in the corridor. **ACTION: GC to clear the space and MB to get this ordered through the school office for about £120.**
- Outdoor shelter area – it was agreed by all present to put this project on hold for now.
- **NEW PROJECT-** MB explained that what the school really needed more than anything else was an additional room which could be used for changing room space for the older children for PE and for changing for after school sports clubs. A site has been identified (where the sheds are currently sited) and the school had obtained 1 quote so far for what would be a bespoke design. The design includes a covered walkway for parents and children to stand under on wet mornings when children enter via the door next to the Library. There was still a lot of discussion to be had with governors and the diocese and of course the school would need to try to obtain planning permission. MB asked FOBS to consider fundraising towards a contribution for the changing room as had previously happened with the KS1 playground and also the outdoor play trails. All present agreed in principle to support this project as this would enhance provision at the school. MB reminded FOBS that Broad Chalke School had been built because of a similar approach of FOBS fundraising combined with some government funding accessed through the Diocese. **ACTION: MB to work with governors to see if this project is viable and keep FOBS informed of progress.**

Planned Events

- Cake or possibly ice cream sale organised by Y5 parents on **14th June**. **ACTION: JCG and JB are in charge of organising this.**
- It was agreed that we should go back to the format next year of 1 cake sake per class per term. **ACTION: DC Agenda item next meeting**
- Sports Day with FOBS BBQ and refreshments 4th July (11th reserve date). All agreed it needed to be kept simple with BBQ, Pimms, beer, ice pops and soft drinks and would probably all be over by 4pm. GB kindly offered to run bar but needs helpers who would all still be able to watch children during Sports Day. Need people to set up bar and BBQ late morning. People are always good at helping out on the day but we do need a few definite helpers. **ACTION: DC to get licence and agenda item next meeting for any final arrangements.**

ACTION: SM to ask for 4 volunteers for bar

ACTION: SH to buy burgers, buns, sausages, ice pops a week before

ACTION: SH to contact BBQ team (note that most are Y6 parents so will need new team next year).

ACTION: GB to contact KP about strawberries

ACTION: MB to put a plea for helpers in newsletter

- Sports Day Lucky Ball competition. HAB shared an idea to sell tickets on Sports Day for £2 a go with the idea of each £2 buying a numbered ball which would be drawn at the end of Sports Day. The prize money would be half of the amount raised and we could have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. All agreed that this was worth a try particularly as the 1000 club is so poorly supported now. **ACTION: HAB to organise**
Bag2School 4th July **ACTION: MB to put a plea in newsletter**
- Drinks at Y6 Play – 15th July **ACTION: DC, GC, HAB and CM to help and to have a donations bucket**
- Chalke Valley Challenge – 13th October.

Any other business

- Co-op run a scheme to support a local good cause. **ACTION: GB to investigate.**
- The idea of crowd funding using social media was discussed if the new project is given the go ahead. **ACTION: MB to find out if schools can do this.**
- A mallet needed for gazebo. **ACTION:SH**
- Easy fundraising is successful as raised £456.18 since started but it only has 39 members. **ACTION: Keep publicising in FOBS newsletter**
- New parents meeting on 13th June: **DC to attend and give short talk about FOBS and GC to do 2nd hand uniform.**
- **Secretary Vacancy-** FOBS are still looking for a secretary to take minutes. This could easily be done as a job share and it would be a great way for parents to get involved.

Date of next meeting: Friday 28th June 1.30 School Library