



Friends of Ashley School
lending a helping hand

AGM – 7th November 2017 : Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Jackie Stevens
Martyn McCarthy
Charlotte Simpson
Lindsey Blake
Tracey Stone
Helen Hathaway
Faye Curtis-Kay
Gina Robinson
Valerie Gibin
Tania Bennett
Lara Lavery
Kathryn Taylor
Cecile Carter
Harriet Barker
Kathy Neale
Katie Brindley
Bethan Seddon
Verity Williams
Karen Mason
Lara Williams
Julia Jones
Rebecca Rigby
Jenny Wilson
Richard Wilson
Heather Lewis
Gaynor Murray
Libby Wybrow
Sarah Kendall
Dave Kendall
Nonie Barnes
Helen Gaunt

Apologies

Laura Chamberlain
Kirsty Willcocks
Clare Long
David Kemp
Paula Ward
Jo Martin
Zoe Edwards
Lisa Atkinson
Jennie Wisdom
Samantha Fagg
Jo Hart

Please note the original Sept AGM date was delayed to Nov'17 due to situations beyond our control.

1. Introduction

Chair - thank you to all involved in a record 2016/17 fundraising year.

Intention is to match funding year on year, but realistic in expectation not to overachieve.

Looking to continue to raise the profile of the committee via Social Media and an improved website. (Now 300 followers on <https://www.facebook.com/friendsofashley/> page)

2. Financial Review

AGM – responsibility to present the financial review of last year 2016/17

£43,847 – income

May Ball and Circus contributed to £13k of this income, these are not annual events.

Chasing the Chamonix £1000 from a past trip and when its being spent **Noted**

Class coffee mornings hosted by parents – great fundraising idea.

Expectation that £20k year average income for the FOA is realistic.

£33,482 – available to spend (see later spend requests)

See attached financials for the full detail **File**

3. Signing off previous FOA meeting mins 19th June 2017

No actions outstanding. **Agreed**

4. Election of the 2017/8 FOA Committee

Co- Chair

Lindsey Blake **Agreed**

Nominated by

Helen Hathaway & Katherine Taylor

Co- Chair

Charlotte Simpson **Agreed**

Nominated by

Sara Bradley & Harriett Barker

Co- Treasurer

Tracey Stone **Agreed**

Nominated by

Lara Lavery & Catherine Maloney

Co- Treasurer

Tania Bennett **Agreed**

Nominated by

Lara Williams & Karen Mason

Co- Secretary

Faye Curtis-Kay **Agreed**

Nominated by

Lara Williams & Lara Lavery

Non elected FOA Committee Members :

Helen Bedford – Communications Role

Valerie Giblin – SEND

Kathryn Taylor

Katie Brindley

The FOA committee in 2017 covers most year groups of the school.

5. Spend Requests

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| Green Stall money is separate to FOA funding | Noted |
| School budgets are tight, they fund staff, premises, and basic resources, FOA funds are incremental to enhance children's learning and experience | |
| Year Group spend requests : R / Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 | Agreed |
| See attached spend request for the full detail | File |
| Additional Requests – investing in play for R and Y1 | |
| Reception - £1021 | Agreed |
| Y1 Equipment List £1289 | Agreed |
| See attached additional spend request for the full detail | File |
| Additional Requests - Food Tech Coordinator | |
| - £1000 (Jan-Jul) | Agreed |
| Ongoing cost at £2,500 per year Issue raised re cleanliness of Harmony Centre – FOA not in agreement to fund cleaning costs as the centre is used also by lettings | Martyn M |
| Additional Requests – School Council | |
| House point system | Agreed |
| Discussed the creation of token collection bags for classroom | Sara B |
| Additional Requests – The Play Project | |
| See attached additional spend request for the full detail | File |
| £6000 now | Agreed |
| £2000 maintenance costs annually | Noted |
| In summary - <u>£14,000 Spend requests</u> | Agreed |
| £6000 in committed costs annually and discussed caution needed | Noted |
| Further ideas for future spend requests: | |
| Rain Cover / Sun Shade for the field | Noted |
| Additional Requests - Misc | |
| 2 x Gazebo and 1 x BBQ to support FOA Events | Agreed |

6. Past Events Review

Update on Ashstock17 – positive event, few learnings

Volunteers needed for a new organising team for Ashstock18

Request

Grandparents Harvest Festival

No need to offer teas and coffee at future events due to time limitations.

Noted

7. Forward Planning

a. Christmas Bazaar

Theme 'Have Yourself a very merry vintage Christmas'

No advertising in the brochure this year – it will be a childrens activity book

1 donation week – Request for class reps to help man the stands for donations

Class Reps

Additional Help Requests

- Silent Auction Coordinator
- Christmas Trail Coordinator
- Kids Art Competition Coordinator
- Playlist
- Any links to Penguin Books let Sara Bradley know
- Query about "muffty day" after collection week

Request

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Karen M

Request

Jackie S

b. Library

Catherine Maloney – managing large overhaul of the library, more to follow on how parents can support.

Catherine M

Governors have agreed to pay for new mgt system

Request by Catherine Maloney for suggestions for Girls reading list

Request

c. Ink Cartridge recycling – bring in your cartridges

Request

d. Uniform Sale – volunteers to support Cecile Carter

Request

i. Idea for costumer lending

e. Christmas Disco

Zoe Edwards and Lisa Atkinson running – last day of term, Y1+ Information Leaflets coming out.

f. Christmas Cards

510 artwork prints left the school 7/7/17, back to school by 14/7/17 order on line by 20th November

g. Christmas Puddings

Orders by 14th November – details on Friends of Ashley page / Newsletter

Any questions please Verity Williams on 07866 022398 or veritywilliams05@gmail.com

8. New Events

- a. Ashstock 18 – new team needed
- b. Summer Fete 18 – new team needed
- c. Bingo – new team needed
- d. Any other ideas – please bring forward
(Discussion about Fireworks 2018 on going)

Request

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Noted

9. AOB

Don't forget the offer codes for other funding routes :

www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

www.micro-scooters.co.uk (quoting ref 141294)

www.stamptastic.co.uk (quoting code KT121HX)

www.countyschoolwear.co.uk/ashley (contribution to FOA for every item ordered)

www.riverford.co.uk/veg (choose a seasonal organic box and enter SCH1250 in the Notes box when you check out. After your third order £15 will be donated to the school.

www.stikins.co.uk (quoting ref 874)

Mums Night Out – Caroline Foxhall organising – 15th Dec venue tbc

Next FOA Meeting – 23rd Jan 2018