

Friends of Whimple School Meeting

Thursday 5th March 2015

Minutes

1. **Present:** Susie Jessop, Kate Hamilton, Charlotte Woollam, Tanya Hynd, Caroline Rowe, George Bayley, Sam Walker, Katie Williams, Alice Walsh, Debbie Passmore, Mandy Cosslett, Zoe Bickel, Heather Triggs, Lorraine Tandy, Jo Sibley, Donna Woolston, Vicky Godden.

2. **Minutes of meeting 4/11/2014**
 - 2.1. Christmas cards using children's own art in 2014 made over £100. Several agreed that the quality of some of the colours could have been better.
 - 2.2. BT Donate is now up and running in time for Rock Solid. There is a new school website in the pipeline and the MyDonate page could be linked to this in due course.
 - 2.3. Kate Hamilton reported that the Gift Aid registration with HMRC is in hand.

3. **Treasurer's report**
 - 3.1. The Treasurer's Report of 26/2/2015 was circulated.
 - 3.2. As at 26.1.15 we had £3,739.75 in the bank and £12.09 cash. We have pledged giving of £1,698.16 for the current year. Total net income so far is £965 with the balance required expected to be raised through the events coming up in the coming months.
 - 3.3. The WOW fund of £1,000 used to be spent on the panto. This year it is being used to link in with what children are learning e.g. an Egyptian workshop and whole school play.
 - 3.4. Susie Jessop will liaise with the School Council to agree how future money is to be used. Sam Walker offered to send a FOWS representative to School Council meetings.
 - 3.5. Re. car boot sale marshalling Sam will put a notice in Contact requesting help, possibly in two shifts. Reps also were asked to drum up volunteers from their class parents.
 - 3.6. Summer Fair on 27th June – this usually makes about £1,200. There is currently no one to run it and Sam will put a notice in Contact about this.
 - 3.7. Rock Solid – 21st March. Vicky G, Alice W, Donna W present are doing it. Laura is going to put a big splash in Contact, also posters will be circulated. It was suggested to ask Jim to put a donation collection box at post office, also for labelled buckets (Zoe will source sharps bins) for shaking in school playground and around supporters at the event who are not having to pay to come to Escot that morning. Susie Jessop suggested that for a future Sports Relief event we could have our own Rock Solid in the Parish Field.
 - 3.8. Bingo on 27th March - cakes are needed for eating during the break. If Mandy needs extra help for the event she will put in Contact.

4. **Other items**
 - 4.1. A new school website is in the pipeline.
 - 4.2. A reminder was issued that if we need to purchase anything for events, the money should be given to the school who will order through the school budget share, thus saving VAT.

- 4.3. Village Day on 11th July – FOWS have been asked if any children would like to runs stalls, keeping the money they raise for FOWS. Stalls at the summer fair could be repeated on Village Day.
- 4.4. End of year celebration. Susie Jessop will ask Mrs Killen to get yr 6s to start thinking what they would like to do, financed by the cake sale funds.
- 4.5. School sports day teas on Wednesday 3rd June are to be organised by Reception class.
- 4.6. Future events:
 - 4.6.1. Race night is not going to be happening again. It made a lot of money last year and was well attended, but it wasn't intended as a repeat event.
 - 4.6.2. A casino night was suggested as a future event. It was considered that this was probably more sociable than doing an auction of promises.
 - 4.6.3. A uniform swap (uniform and sports kit) with donations was suggested as an event done in conjunction with a cake sale, perhaps the one at the start of the May half-term. Donna, George & Lorraine have clothes rails.
 - 4.6.4. It was queried whether the Giving Machine and other cash back purchase schemes could be better used and promoted. On the new school website it was proposed we could have a fundraising page.

Next meeting: Sam will issue details of a date in due course. The next meeting will be her last as Chair.

The meeting closed at 20:35.