

Minutes of the FOS.A. General Meeting Wednesday 9th of November 2016

Meeting opened 19:08

In attendance

Rachel Ashby (Chair/Secretary), Amanda Halifax (School Link Advisor), John Yewman (Treasurer), Mandy Burley (School Link), Joe Craig (Parent Link), Cristina Love (Parent Link), Helen Shields (Parent)

Apologies

Steve Haselgrove (Parent)

Discussion

- Welcome and previous minutes.** R.A. went through the minutes from the previous meeting where there had been issues with progress with actions and little information from the school. She explained that after communication from school she would be able to address the action points through the course of the Agenda. R.A. also requested a volunteer to proof read the minutes. C.L. volunteered and the minutes will now be forwarded to C.L. for checking before distribution. R.A. asked M,B, as Vice chair to sign off the previous minutes and they were handed to R.A..
- Woodland Peace Garden** R.A. was able to report back that the Press Photo in the Spalding Guardian had been circulated for the planting of the wildflowers. The sand had also been delivered and half the wildflower area levelled. A session for Saturday 12th of November was organised with R.A., M.B., J.L. or C.L. attending to complete the work. R.A. stated that the bulbs and the wildflowers needed to be planted a.s.a.p. and further sessions may be necessary to achieve these two goals. R.A. had met with Inga Maxwell to discuss the Garden and the Springfields Competition. Inga would like to come into school to run the competition to enable the students to get the most from the experience. R.A. and A.H. suggested that they liaise with the Art Department to make appropriate arrangements for this. There are about twenty Christmas Trees in the Peace Garden and R.A. requested that A.H. ask for permission from school to sell/donate the trees. Arrangements will also need to be made to cut the trees down if the donation/sale can go ahead. A.H. also suggested that the sale/donation could be advertised in the local paper. A.H. queried ownership of the land on behalf of Lucy Conelly. R.A. explained that the land belonged to School/Education Authority and F.O.S.A. had permission to work the land for the purposes of the garden project. A.H. also confirmed that Laurence Reilly would be visiting the Garden project and requested all the information about achievements to date. **(Action R.A. A.H. C.L. and M.B.)**
- Treasurer's Report:** There was no change to the Treasurer's report with an amount of £2917.50 remaining in the bank. J.Y. requested a receipt for the sand as he only currently had a delivery note. R.A. to contact Sue Herring and see if one had been left at reception. J.Y. also confirmed that he still needs to change the name on the Bank Account. R.A. also handed J.Y. £4.44 received from the co-op as money raised from the Co-op Community Champions Scheme. **(Action J.Y.)**
- Review of Dates:** R.A. stated that as the group were now able to proceed with fund raising ideas and it was important to put these into the school calendar as quickly as possible. A discussion was held around timings and events. It was agreed to aim to hold a Family Quiz night around February half term: to launch the School Lottery in the Easter/Spring Term and hold a Summer Ball in June. R.A. requested that A.H. request suitable dates and confirm permission for these events and fund raisers to go ahead with Lucy Connelly. A.H. also suggested that herself and R.A. meet when these are confirmed to put together an action plan ready for January **(Action R.A. and A.H.)**

5. **A.O.B.** South Holland Rotary Club Shoe Box Appeal: A.H. informed everyone that the school were supporting the Shoebox Appeal and she had requested from R.A. that F.O.S.A. fund the £72 in total to cover the boxes. It was unanimously agreed that FOSA would fund the £72 and the Press Release for this will be Thursday 17th for 12.45.

The Co-op Community Champions scheme is on hold until January and this will be an Agenda item along with Easyfundraising.

The next meeting will be a social with date and time to be confirmed.

R.A. thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 7.54pm