

Zoom AGM Friends of St Mark's 22nd April 2021

Attendees :

Kerri Potter (KP), Willem Goosen (WG), Kerstin Bowers (KB), Elizabeth Mills (EM), Shirin Alavi (SA)

AGENDA

Ordinary Business

1. Apologies for absence
2. Accounts Update
3. School Wish List
4. Fundraising 2021
5. Any Other Business.
6. Newsletter

1) Apologies for absence received.

Lorraine Dunn
Arlene Williams
Zoe Billington

2) Accounts Update

EM confirmed the financial year for the accounts runs from 1st September - 31st August. Cathy the school bursar is now carrying out an independent examination of these which will be finalised soon. EM will share the summary of accounts in full at the next meeting, but with COVID restrictions no events have been able to take place this school year.

The current account houses £2,125

The deposit has £3,790

Total - £5,915

KP reported this amount is currently earmarked for play equipment but the committee needs confirmation from Ms Kelsey as there may be a rethink of how this money will be spent.

EM said there is a £200 increase in the bank accounts since last year end. The following amounts are the larger items since the last update in November;

- Christmas cards - £166
- Amazon Smile - £22

Largest sum paid out this year was to external heaters and installation - £875.

Tesco donated the Easter Eggs and only £15 to Waitrose for allergy friendly eggs was spent.

We are in the process of adding EM and WG to the bank mandate, we will agree the signing limits by email.

3) School Wish List

KP spoke to Mrs Cox about getting the pergola built. WG pointed out there was a query at the last meeting about insurance. Ms Kelsey has confirmed Barry is going to quote to do the work and then he will be employed by the school and the committee re-charged.

KP said the school heaters are really efficient and have made a real difference to the school.

KP to take a photo and send it out to the committee.

4) Fundraising 2021

A popular idea is to have a "crazy hair day" or "break the rules day". Or other ideas could be discussed. The different rules could have different costs associated. EM has messaged with some poster ideas used by other schools.

EM said it may be better for the day to be called "dare to be different" to promote individuality. KP to put to Ms Kelsey.

WG asked what date this day could be on. Perhaps the last day of term? SA suggested the kids could design the poster, either in school time or at home. A list of the activities of items the kids can opt for needs to be agreed.

SA is going to get costs for the tea towel pack idea. This is where the kids each design something - a self portrait for example, or hand print and then it is printed onto tea towels to sell. The designs could be very small images for the whole school or per class, which would make the images larger per tea towel.

An online quiz was discussed, but this may be better entertained in November when screens won't be dominating everyone's lives.

Other ideas are either a summer or autumn fair. These could be outside with market/ cupcakes/ barbecue/ sports - a more social event - but all hinging on COVID restrictions and numbers who are allowed to gather.

An outdoor quiz at The Victory is also an option. Janet, the landlady does the questions and is quizmaster.

A sponsored run on the cricket green is also another idea.

KP confirmed the Staplefield Village Fete is cancelled this year.

Finally another end of term film afternoon could be arranged. This was very successful last year and a jolly way to end the term.

Agreements from the teachers are required for any of the above.

5) Any Other Business

SA asked about who is supporting the school with stationary. Originally the school had a tree with tickets for parents to buy. KP says Mrs Brewer has sent her a link to a website where parents can donate towards big ticket items anonymously. There is a cost associated. Amazon Smile works well.

6) Newsletter

KP to do a short newsletter, including news about the heaters, break the rule day and an introduction of each of the committee with photos. send photos to KP.