

Zoom AGM Friends of St Mark's 17th June 2021

Attendees :

Kerri Potter (KP), Zoe Billington (ZB), Abigail Paige (AP), Elizabeth Mills (EM), Tim Rutherford-Johnson (TRJ), Elizabeth Rutherford-Johnson (ERJ), Zoe Carlisle (ZC)

AGENDA

Ordinary Business

1. Apologies for absence
2. Accounts Update
3. Fundraising 2021
4. Any Other Business.

1) Apologies for absence received.

Willem Goosen (WG)
Kerstin Bowers (KB)
Danielle (D)

2) Accounts Update

EM reported that "Break the Rules Day" brought in £464. For health and safety reasons there was an emergency purchase of two football goals for the amount of £187.

The current account and deposit accounts house £6,190. Cathy, the school bursar has completed the audit and the annual accounts have been submitted.

Please refer to the spreadsheet with three tabs attached for an accurate overview.

Tab three on the spreadsheet refers to items purchased the year end before. KP went through these purchases;-

Bikes and scooters were purchased for reception

Coaching is for sports, swimming or school trips

School wish list purchased books

Toaster was for the sunrise club to provide children with toast

Thank you vouchers were purchased for teachers to appreciate their teaching support during the two lockdowns. These were John Lewis vouchers worth £20 each.

3) Fundraising 2021

Summer Fete

KP confirmed the summer fete cannot go ahead this year due to continuing COVID restrictions and so instead suggested it is pushed back to September, turning into a kind of Harvest Market. Activities could include a barbecue and sports. It would be a welcome back to the community.

Florence's mum has suggested a second hand clothes sale. Another parent runs a cupcake business and would like a stall. More parents could volunteer to run the stalls, rather than asking outside vendors.

The fete will take place in the school playground and the sports activities can take place on the field, kindly cordoned off for the school to use. This area is already being used for PE and playtimes.

AP suggested hiring a bouncy castle and ZC said a bucking bronco is another good idea as it is safer for COVID with one person on it at a time.

KP added that the face painting is usually popular if still available.

KP confirmed the gate to that field is not in the cordoned off section so cannot be used for access.

KP said that if parents are happy with the idea they could donate sweet jars for the hoopla and have the hook a duck for the smaller children. The FOSM provide the lucky dip.

ZC asked if a back-up date should be arranged, like sports day, in case the weather is bad. However if that is the case, the sports hall can be used.

An on-going discussion on charging entry or not is ongoing. The Christmas Fair has charged £1 for entry in the past. Payment for items on the stalls are separate cash flow.

½ Marathon - Brighton 27th February 2022

Mr Holmes, KP, Mrs Bean and KB have signed up for this. Single entry applications are required and then the runners will wear the FOSM charity T-shirts. 50% of sponsorship will go to school and other 50% to a school affiliated with St Mark's in Uganda and the foodbank Handcross Pantry.

The school has a JustGiving page set up.

Any other parents who want to join, please do!

Last Week of Term

The film and popcorn end of term event will go ahead. After a discussion with Ms Kelsey, there will not be another "Break the Rules Day" this term.

4) AOB

KP reported the pergola in the paddock is being built. This is for outdoor education and keeps the children cool in the summer. A loan applied for by the school towards this from the parish council of around £500 was turned down by them.

The wood for the pergola cost £1,500 and so it has to be decided how much contribution is to be made.

KP is going to get the final Wish List from Ms Kelsey so the committee can work out what to spend on.

KP and ZC discussed adding gazebos or sails in the paddock area for more shade.

