## Friends of St Wilfrid's School

## Minutes

| Date | $03 / 02 / 2022$ | Location: | Small Hall, St Wilfrid's School |
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| Start time: | $19: 45$ | Chair: | Julia Perry |
| Finish Time: | $22: 00$ | Minutes: | Richard Bowman |

## Present:

Julia Perry
Richard Bowman
Louise Bennett
Sarah Overall
Sarah Milton-Hunt
Kim Waterhouse Jess Finn

## Apologies:

Zoe Fryer
Anna Cecil
Gayle Gaydon
Debbie Hannan
Kerrie Clark
Angi Weber

| Agenda item | Discussion | Action |
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| 1) Approval of previous minutes and action points: | - No objections, all approved. |  |
| 2) Teacher requests/feedback: | - No teacher requests. <br> - Teacher feedback from those that attended the Christmas Fair was very positive and they enjoyed attending and assisting. <br> - It was mentioned how it was a shame that more Governors were not able to attend. |  |
| 3) Previous events: <br> a) Christmas Cards | - Christmas card sales went well with only one issue which was easily resolved. <br> - The Christmas cards raised $£ 550$ profit for FOSW (£135 in 2019). |  |
| b) Christmas Tree <br> Decoration <br> Competition | - Christmas Decoration Competition had a good number of entries and prizes were handed out to the winners. |  |


|  | - The Tree Decoration Competition raised £70 (£65 in 2019). |  |
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| c) Raffle | - ZF was unable to attend to provide any comments on the raffle. <br> - The raffle raised $£ 1,600$ for the Christmas Fair ( $£ 980$ in 2019). |  |
| d) Christmas Fair | - Feedback from all that attended was very positive. <br> - By being outside the extra space was very much appreciated by all and added to the Christmassy feel. <br> - The music outside went down well and added to the Christmassy feel. <br> - The music in the little hall did not work very well and the equipment was temperamental. <br> - It was agreed that it should be outside again next year, although appreciated that the weather is a risk factor. <br> - The burger van raised $£ 50$, and the coffee van raised £30. Previously the BBQ has raised £380 (2019), the tea/coffee/cake stall raised £270 (2019) (cakes and soft drinks raised $£ 140$ this year). Thus, by outsourcing hot drinks and burgers, FOSW approximately $£ 430$ down on previous (2019) Christmas Fair. <br> - Agreed that outsourcing the burgers and hot drinks was the right thing to do in the circumstances with risks of last-minute cancellations and lack of sufficient volunteers. <br> - Some stalls were managed by children. In the future, children can only manage stalls if there are also adults managing stalls nearby. |  |


|  | - The Christmas Fair raised $£ 3,800$ (including the raffle and burger van and hot drinks van) ( $£ 4,180$ in 2019). |  |
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| 4) Future Event Planning: | - Organising events and setting up will be more challenging with the current committee members due to many members, including the Chair and Treasurer not being free on a Friday. <br> - More time-free volunteers would help significantly with setting events up. <br> - Consideration of forming volunteer groups, making clear this would not be requiring to commit to all events over the year. <br> - Enquire about using Class Parent Representatives to assist with recruiting volunteers (if the school wish to bring them back). <br> - Following the picnic had immediately after school in September which brought in some volunteers, consider an adult only evening event, probably with drinks, to recruit and also host the AGM. |  |
| a) 2022 Challenge | - The 2022 Envelope challenge envelopes have been printed and will be distributed around the school on Friday $4^{\text {th }}$ February. <br> - Considered promoting the 2022 challenges on Facebook to create a challenging aspect of it, in hope of stirring up a bit of a competition. |  |
| b) Discos | - Proposed dates for discos: <br> - Friday $11^{\text {th }}$ March <br> - Sarah (SMH) able to DJ again on $11^{\text {th }}$ March. <br> - Biggest challenge with the disco is finding someone to take on the organising, and Jess (JF) kindly agreed to take this on. | SMH <br> JF |


|  | - Someone still needed to arrange volunteers. <br> - Discussions had on glow sticks and the single use element of them. <br> - Stated that the only complaints from the last disco were the fact that there were not enough glow sticks. <br> - Alternative options were discussed, including offsetting the glow sticks by donating to green charities, or planting trees or similar, or having a black-light party, or providing UV light face paint, or similar. <br> - It is known that the glow sticks are very popular with the pupils. <br> - Will discuss with the school to see if they have any objections to continuing with the use of glow sticks. <br> - Tickets for the disco will be available online (for the first time), but will still also be available in person. <br> - Due to lack of volunteers, ticket sales in person will only be available one morning and one afternoon, at most. <br> - Face to face ticket sales will be payable via cash or card, assuming card reader available in time. <br> - SMH able to arrange setting up online payment system. <br> - Required information needed for online payments is full name, class, parent willing to volunteer, song requests, contact email, for confirmation of purchase. <br> - Tickets not necessary, collation of names and classes sufficient for checking off on entry to school disco. |  |
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| c) FOSW Logo Competition | - After half-term a free competition to design a replacement school logo will be put forward. <br> - Prize(s) for the best logo(s) will be available, likely an Easter Egg. <br> - The winning logo will be digitised and used on future FOSW correspondence. |  |
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| d) Summer Picnic | - Proposed Summer Picnic, with ice cream van and coffee van, early summer, possibly $29^{\text {th }}$ April. |  |
| e) Summer Fair | - Needs a lot of organising and volunteers. <br> - Provisional date of Saturday $2^{\text {nd }}$ July. Friday's not practical due to lack of free volunteers available on a Friday. |  |
| 5) AGM | - Proposed to host AGM as a meet and greet event to encourage more volunteers to join and contribute. <br> - Potentially combine with a Quiz. |  |
| 6) Other Agenda Items | - Once a new logo has been selected, banners will be purchased for advertising future events. <br> - SMH \& JF will take on the FOSW Facebook page. <br> - Question was asked on what the school want to do with any money raised. <br> - Agreed that good to have a target item(s) or similar for the fundraising carried out. <br> - Consider if the proposed change to Academy Status with Hurst Education Trust could enable use of their facilities or any equipment to the benefit of FOSW. | SMH \& JF |
| 7) Next Meeting | - Proposed $31^{\text {st }}$ March |  |

