

The Friends of King Arthur's Community School

Meeting Minutes

Date 26th September 2011

Present: Jayne Davis, Jill Morris, Jane Turk, Emma Harrison, Emma Marsden, Maria Hawkins, Suzy Turner-Wilcockson

Apologies Sarah Sellick, Ginny Bridger, Hayley Brewer, Chris Wadden, Vicky Riddick

1. Welcome new members!

Thank you to Suzy for joining the meeting – and thanks to Chris and Vicky for sending apologies – all new recruits very welcome and gratefully received!

2. Funds

Starting the year with approx £2500 in the bank account.

3. Bids

The following bids were received from various Departments – all were approved:

- Maths Dept requested £450 for the "My Maths" internet licence (already paid for)
- Art & Design requested £258 for additional Digital camera/bag/memory card
- English Dept requested £300 for purchase of set of 35 new text books
- Modern Languages requested £230 for Linguascope licence
- DT (Catering) requested £262 for purchase of 15 additional textbooks
- Science Dept requested £162 for balances for weighing chemicals (5 sets); £109 for electric vacuum pumps; £85 for lights for use in Physics – total of £357

These total £1856 – we agreed payment for all of these bids.

We like to keep £500 in the account but there is a bit spare and the Friends decided that we would like to buy a couple of new picnic tables for use under the new shelter built in CAS week at the front of the school. Will make enquiries as to cost – STW said she would contact Otter Nurseries to see if they can discount anything. MH described great tables that they have at Horsington Primary made of rubber – and will enquire as to where they were purchased.

4. Murder Mystery Evening – Thursday 13th October, 7.30pm

Advertising:

- Posters will be distributed around the town by STW
- EH to place ad in Blackmore Vale
- EH already put in Wincanton Window Diary and sent article
- STW to contact Nick Colbert to see if he can mention it in his WG column
- EH to send posters to Primary Schools/email the school offices for newsletters
- JT & EH to sell tickets at Open Evening this Thursday
- Flyers to go to Sports Centre
- Tickets for sale from Reception £5 adults, £2.50 students

Evening:

- There is a play of approx 45 minutes – acted usually by staff but if anyone on the committee has a strong urge please step forwards! There are 8 parts. Dave Dwyer will comper the evening. The actors only have one read-through before the play and it will be read from the script. The play is littered with red-herrings and clues. At the interval there is a quiz. The table who guessed "whodunnit" and identified the most clues wins the prize. There is then another 15-20 minutes of the play to see who the murderer was. Refreshments will be served in the interval (teas/coffee) but people can bring their own drinks and nibbles if they want to.

Very little needed in terms of preparation – hope lots will come – encourage it as a family event

5. Bag Packing at Morrisons – Saturday 12th November

We have a slot on the above date – will do 10am-4pm. We will select students who are able to manage the task! They must be in school uniform and smart as they are representing the school. They can do one or more 2 hour slots and we will need committee members/parents to volunteer to supervise them. Any money raised will go towards further outdoor furniture for the students.

EH to organise purchase of some buckets for collecting donations

6. Cookery Evening – Thursday 24th November

- Conversation got around to food, specifically cake and the idea emerged for a cookery evening, using one of the cookery classrooms.
- Jane Turk nominated to run this and EH since spoken to Alison Flynn (our former food & catering teacher) who is happy to give her time to do the teaching part. The proposed date is Thursday 24th November. We would supply ingredients and a glass of wine, tea or coffee – and be taught how to make and decorate a Yule Log ready for recreating at home nearer to Christmas.
- Minimum cost would be £10 but we need to fully cost the ingredients. Would endeavour to get as much of the ingredients donated as possible. If anyone has any contacts anywhere such as Morrisons/Lidl/Fine Food Co/cream supplier PLEASE let us know so we can plead for sugar, butter, choc etc!
- Probable max of 25 places.
- We think there would be a good interest in this and could build in to something more regular/seasonal. As soon as costings are done we will advertise in Excalibur etc

7. Other future events

We also briefly discussed other planned events for the year: Bingo in January; Quiz in March/April; Fete in July; perhaps a Ball in May. Feelings quite mixed about doing another ball, even in May which is later than the last ones. To be discussed further at next meeting and perhaps put to a vote? If not then another easy to organise, high-return event needs to be thought up!

Next Meeting: Monday 5th December, 7pm, The Nog