

Attendees

Emma, Lucy, Christina, Anna, Sarah

Chairing - Emma Minute taking - Sarah

Apologies: Liz, Mischa, Lisa, Fiona

Date: 26 January 2024

Topics

Accounts

Mischa provided the accounts for 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. FOBAS have raised £2,875.80 in the year, main contributions being £1,000 from Burton Agnes Parish Council and £920.20 from the sponsored run. Expenditure for the year totalled £4,469.00, main costs being £1,688.00 for the panto and bus and £2,736.00 on painting the playground. Overall FOBAS have run a deficit of £1,593.20 for the year.

The bank balance at 31 August 2023 was £2,241.93.

Mrs Hagsten joined the meeting for 15 minutes. She proposed FOBAS use the school App when asking for donations/payment for events. Everyone agreed this would be useful.

Mrs Hagsten also presented the invoice for the 2023 panto trip which was £1,856.32, including £500 coach hire. Sarah to send to Mischa for payment.

Events

Spring term

Easter bingo - Everyone agreed last year's event was a success. Proposed date Tuesday 19th March, to be agreed with Mrs Jameson (Mrs J). Depending on the time the school hall is available from there was discussion around an easter egg hunt on the school field beforehand. Mrs Clubley confirmed she will run a raffle, there was talk of FOBAS helping to donate raffle prizes.

Sarah to check with Laura regarding Easter egg donations for the bingo, and Liz regarding the bingo machine and calling.

Valentines - There was discussion regarding the disco already organised by the Enterprise children in school. FOBAS would be happy to support the event if anything is needed such as refreshments, games etc. Sarah to confirm with Mrs J.

Summer term

Sponsored run - Everyone agreed last year's event was a success. Proposed date Wednesday 22nd May. Sarah to check with Mrs J and with Liz regarding the sports field.

Sports day - There was talk of FOBAS running a refreshments stall. Discussed previously but did not have any volunteers. Agreed collectively to run the stall this year. Sarah to confirm with Mrs J.

Summer BBQ - There was talk of holding a summer BBQ on the school grounds. The event could perhaps include some music (Simon), bouncy castle, games, raffle etc. FOBAS would sell tickets for the event. There was discussion on holding the event after school or in the school holidays. Sarah to raise with Mrs J.

Autumn term

Harvest super - Everyone agreed the event was a success, despite being a little last minute in organising, and the timing works really well, ahead of Christmas. There was talk around the multiple raffles! Agreed the event will be held again next year and to consider other catering options.

Other

Candy Kingdom - Lucy offered Candy Kingdom for an after school play session. FOBAS could sell tickets/charge the children and Candy Kingdom would not charge. Timing to be agreed.

Disco - There was talk of holding another disco later in the year as the children have previously enjoyed. Timing to be considered.

Grants

Fraisthorpe Wind Farm Grant - Fiona shared an email on the WhatsApp group on 9 January for grants of up to £1,000 for your community project. To confirm on WhatsApp group if the application has been made.

Tesco Stronger Starts Grant Programme - Lisa shared a Facebook post on the WhatsApp group on 10 January for grants of up to £1,500 for schools and children's groups. To confirm on WhatsApp group if the application has been made.

Parish council donation - In previous years Burton Agnes Parish council have made a £1,000 donation to FOBAS. Sarah to check with Liz if this will be available for 2024.

Spending

There was talk around greater communication between the school and FOBAS. FOBAS are keen to understand what the school would like more money for (e.g. capital expenditure, trips) and how they can help in any other ways (e.g. volunteering in school, for the upkeep of the building etc).

There was talk of previous suggestions from the school including providing funds for a new oven and the potential for a garden project. Sarah to ask Mrs J to confirm the school's "wish list" and how we can keep up the regular communication.

School topic - One of the areas mentioned was FOBAS understanding in advance, and linking in with, the 'whole school topic' each term. There was talk of helping to fund extra school trips, visitors or holding more 'themely' events. Mrs Lee (in passing) confirmed the summer term topic is "postcards from the past". FOBAS agreed to consider how this could be part of the summer events!!

Sports team - Mrs Young (in passing) mentioned the school sports team are not presented as well as other schools, and would benefit from team hoodies. The school sports budget cannot afford to buy them. Everyone agreed this should be something FOBAS can fund. There was talk of 10 hoodies sized for Key Stage 2 children. Anna will speak to H&K embroidery to confirm the cost. FOBAS will then collectively look for a sponsor(s).

School council - Mrs Young (in passing) also mentioned the school council has lots of ideas but a lack of funding. The school council is made up of Key Stage 2 children. Everyone agreed FOBAS would be interested in hearing their ideas and joining up to provide funding support for what the children want. There was talk of a FOBAS representative(s) joining a school council meeting and the children presenting their ideas. Mrs Young will discuss at the next school council meeting and propose a date.

Garden project - There was talk of the garden project, which has previously been raised. Discussions included creating an outdoor space with raised beds to grow plants, food etc and potentially running a gardening club. There was also talk around understanding the cost of the project to then apply for grants. Sarah to confirm with Mrs J if the project is still a possibility and next steps.

AOB

There was discussion around if FOBAS should register as a charity. Discussion included if there would be more funding opportunities however the process for registering as a charity was unknown and there was some concern around the ongoing admin of a charity.

There was discussion around including the FOBAS minutes on the school website to ensure greater transparency for all parents. Sarah to raise with Mrs J.

Next meeting

Tuesday 20 February 2024 - 9:00