

## Friends of Orton School AGM

September 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

Start 6pm

Present: Julie Watson (Chair), Nicola Pratt, (Vice Chair), Megan Cotton-Dew (Secretary), Richard Percival (Treasurer), Emma Pomfret, Cath Wray, Lottie Dunning, Sharon Wolstenholme

Apologies: Andrea Mounsey, Lisa Elliott, Rachel Girvan.

Chair's report:

Many thanks to everyone that helped over the past year. Well supported events – one event took 40 volunteers to make it a success. Especially thank you to the trustees and to Nicola Pratt as Vice Chair who is standing down this year. Julie Watson will be standing down this year as Chair.

The fundraising target of £7,500, set at the last AGM, has been exceeded with over £9,000 being raised up to August 2019.

Chair's Report in last year's AGM stated a few objectives to meet over the year:

1. Review the constitution – **this is a work in progress to be taken forward by the new committee if they think it's needed.**
2. Review the storage of FoOS items – **this has been achieved with FoOS now having access to the old guinea pig shed in school grounds. It will be used to store items such as the urn, fell race stuff, cups, teapot, xmas gifts etc. Julie Watson purchased crates at cost of £64.25 and paint at £8.99 (to be reimbursed) Also requires new floor and the window needs fixing. Keith Pratt will buy the materials for this, fit the flooring and fix the window – to be reimbursed for materials.**
3. New communication system for FoOS to enable direct communication, not via school, which parents/friends can opt in or out of – **to be looked in to and taken forward as appropriate by new committee**
4. Online meetings, idea surveys and bulletins to bring FoOS in to the modern era and more accessible to everyone – **to be looked in to by new committee.**
5. New parent pack to explain FoOS to new parents and encourage their input from the start of term – **to be taken forward by new committee.**

## Treasurer Report

Bank balances at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018:

Current Account: £10,931.65

Savings: £3,891.24

Income in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019: £9086.11

Expenditure in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019: £3994.58

Surplus: £5091.53

Grant and Supplementary Expenditure in the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019:  
£1,725.00 (for reading loft balance payment)

Greatest expenditures in the year to August 2019 were the defibrillator at £891.00 and residential contributions at £2,000.

Your School Lottery contributes substantial amount through the year at £1,260.60 up to August 2019 – it's a great fundraiser for those who can't attend events and it is a simple way to support. **It would be good to highlight this to parents.**

The Orton Fete contributed £2,141.19 and the Fell Race contributed £1,271.00

Bank balances at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019:

Current Account: £14,290.48

Savings Account: £3,898.94

**Total closing balance at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019: £18,189.42**

Still to be deducted:

Trim trail payment of £6,500

Stone Age Day - £370

UCLAN Science Festival trip for Class 3 and 4 - £350

Two buses for Class 1 trips, Old Laundry Beatrix Potter and Lakes Aquarium - cost?

Cooking equipment at approximately £400 – to date only £250 of the agreed £400 has been spent.

100 Club – a longstanding member of the now ceased 100 Club has been in touch with Richard Percival to request having their name removed as they are moving away and want to support local causes. Richard has facilitated this.

### **Election of Officers**

#### **Nominations:**

Chair – Julie Watson nominated Sharon Potter, Lottie Dunning seconded. Sharon Potter agreed to take on role of Chair.

Vice Chair: Sharon nominated Ann-Marie Wolstenholme, Julie Watson seconded. Ann-Marie not present at meeting but informed Sharon Potter that she would be willing to stand as Vice Chair.

Treasurer: Julie Watson nominated Richard Percival, seconded by Cath Wray. Richard agreed to continue role of Treasurer.

Secretary: Richard Percival nominated Megan Cotton-Dew, Sharon Potter seconds. Megan agreed to continue role of secretary.

### **Any other Business:**

#### **Funding proposal agreed via email:**

FoOS will support the purchase of cooking equipment at a cost of approximately £400 to facilitate cooking lessons in Design Technology and After School Club. (As agreed on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019). To date approx £250 of the agreed total has been spent and Emma Pomfret reported that the cooking equipment has already been used and enjoyed by children throughout school.

**Open Morning 25<sup>th</sup> September** - tea and coffee to be ready to serve to parents straight away with 8.30am set up. **Urn will be set up the night before.**

**Fell Race – 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Julie Watson, along with Simon and Andrea Mounsey have everything under control.

**Still require volunteers on the day, cake on the day and a hamper for a raffle.**

**Raffle items and cake to be requested from parents via school newsletter.** One square for £1.

This year each child will be given a picnic bag including a sandwich, cake and water – hopefully this will prevent them raiding the cake table before the adults have finished their race.

**Sandwiches to be made on morning of fell race; more cake needed this year as complaints last year about lack of cake.**

**Heart Start Fundraiser – 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Sponsor forms out to parents. Funds raised are to go to school. **Cath Wray will print out forms.**

**Winter Droving Stall - October 26<sup>th</sup>**

To have coconut shy (borrowed from Emma Pomfret contact), running from 11am-8pm. Will need enough volunteers to host the stall in hourly slots. Paid £96 for stall (Eden Arts Gazebo Hire). **Need to purchase banner with Orton School logo on.** Suggestion to use the same company (Raven Graphics) that has recently done all the school graphics for new signage. Julie Watson will get contact details from Emma Pomfret.

**Film night: Fri 15<sup>th</sup> November** - to change as currently it's on the same night as Children in Need.

Next fundraising meeting to be arranged once Sharon Potter has had handover meeting with Julie Watson.

Meeting finished at 6:50pm