

Friends of Orton School Meeting
Via Zoom
Minutes
16.01.23

Start: 7.10pm

Present: Jo Hayward (Chair), Bex Shelton (Treasurer), Megan Cotton-Dew (Secretary), Emma Pomfret, Debra Capstick.

Apologies: Vicki Capstick, Clare Martindale, Jenny Bowes, Angela Tyson.

Upcoming Events:

It would be good to hold approximately one fundraising event per month. The following diary plans/options were discussed:

Feb – **Valentines Disco**. This was enjoyed by the children who attended last year. If Andrea M is available to DJ this year it would be good to hold another one. Three volunteers would be required. Last year it cost £2 per child with sweets sold for 50p per bag.
Bex Shelton will order the sweets and crisps for the tuck shop. No hotdogs this year.
Jo H will speak to Andrea about her availability, with possible date of Thursday 16th Feb, from 6-7pm.

March – **Farmers Market Stall 11th March**, in Church, with the sale of potted bulbs and cake

Bags to School planned for 21st March. This has raised approximately £140 each time in the past.

June - **Ice Cream Friday** will commence. This is fun for the children and a low cost, low maintenance fundraiser for FoOS

July - **Leavers BBQ**. Not much of a fundraiser but a lovely school community event.

Sept – **Orton Fell Race**. This takes a lot of work for the committee involved but only the refreshment side to organise by FoOS. A great community event.

Bags to School.

Nov - **Big Breakfast**. This could do better if advertised more throughout the village.

Wreath Making. This was held in early December last year and was a huge success, raising approx. £200. It was suggested at this meeting to hold it towards the end of November this year. Feedback was very positive with attendees suggesting they would have paid more and it was far cheaper than similar events in the area. It was suggested to run a couple of these workshops, over a couple of evenings, if Jenny is available. Could also make wreaths to sell with the surplus greenery.

Dec - **Christmas Hamper.** These were supported well last year with raffle ticket sales through school and at the school performance.

Santa Shop – this was a lovely afternoon for the children who thoroughly enjoyed picking a gift for their chosen family member(s) and wrapping it up to take home. It wasn't a huge fundraiser but was worth doing for the children.

Other Fundraising Ideas:

Fun day – possibly too much to organise on top of other plans.

Easter Family Bingo – This raised approx. £200 in 2019. It would only require bingo cards and donation of chocolate, so not much more organisation than the disco but more funds would be raised. Suggestion to also have a raffle. Raffle tickets could be sold at the Farmers Market stall on March 11th. **Could hold the bingo on Thursday 30th March**, just before break up for Easter. **To be confirmed.**

Summer fair...as held in previous years, although this year there will be the Coronation in May so perhaps no need/enthusiasm for such an event in the summer.

Puds and Spuds??

Bag Packing: something that raised quite a lot of money in the past but may not be available as an option at the moment due to Covid. Jo H will enquire.

Bingo: A member of the Market Hall committee spoke to Jo H about the possibility of asking Helen Wearmouth if she would consider halving the funds raised from one of her very successful bingo nights with FoOS. The event raises approx. £500 and is very well supported. Next month's bingo funds will be shared with Warcop school so Helen might consider supporting Orton school if approached.

Easy Fundraising: this is 'easy' money for school, if enough parents/friends of the school sign up to support it through their online purchases. Jo H will look at ways of advertising this effectively to the school community. It needs to be easily accessible for parents to utilise it.

Grant funding: the committee will make a concerted effort to look into this over the coming months, to run alongside our other fundraising efforts and help keep the funding pot healthy.

Funding requests

Emma Pomfret has asked if FoOS would be willing to fund the license to Purple Mash for another three years. It is up for renewal at a cost of £690 per year, which is the same price as in previous years. It is used by all year groups and although it is not a structured part of the scheme of work there are elements of Purple Mash which support it. All committee members present were in favour of this expenditure.

Any Other Business

The organising of fundraising events needs to be shared out more equally. It was suggested to advertise the upcoming event and see who is available to organise it. Another option is to directly delegate the event to a specific person or couple of people. If this doesn't happen, core members who take on all the responsibility of all events may burn out.

Bex S is willing to job share the treasurer role, at least to start with. A willing person is yet to be found so **another plea will go out, via the school newsletter?**

FoOS Storage:

this still needs to be sorted. Jo H will email B&Q to see if they have a Community Champion. This may, as in the past, then result in an avenue in which to obtain a discount on a storage solution.

Next meeting:

Monday 13th February. Venue TBC

Meeting concluded at 8pm