

## **FoF Zoom AGM**

7<sup>th</sup> October 2020- 7.30pm

In Attendance:

Sarah Lee, Dan Vice-Holt, Helen Sadler, Rachel West, Annemarie Lean-Vercoe, Maria Urassa, Catherine Moore.

Apologies for not being able to attend: Miriam Mooncie, Dan Sadler, Flora Ida's mum, Cassie Honey.

### **1) Election of trustees for the committee**

A big thanks to Ness Tarr for her work as treasurer and Lucie Crago for her work as co-chair, both are now stepping down, although Lucie Crago is not completely leaving FoF as she is staying on to be co-treasurer, thanks Lucie.

Lucy Crago stepping down as co-chair: 1<sup>st</sup> AMLV, 2<sup>nd</sup> RW

Co-Chair Helen Sadler and Fay MacDonald: 1<sup>st</sup> Dan VH, and SL

Co-Secretary continuing to be Annemarie Lean-Vercoe and Miriam Mooncie: 1<sup>st</sup> HS, 2<sup>nd</sup> DVH

Co-Treasurers: Laura Byford-Winter and Lucy Crago, 1<sup>st</sup> AMLV and 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan VH

### **FoF Team members:**

Sarah Lee, Deborah Vice-Holt, Vicky Brown, Rachel West, Catherine Moore, Dan Vice-Holt, Maria Urassa, Sophie Ryan. Cassie Honey.

Ness is going to file our accounts to see if we can apply for charitable status, which will help fundraising considerably

### **2) Brief Summary of last year's work as listed in chair's report / Fundraising**

Last year was v successful as raised £6054.10

Reduced annual running costs from £200 now now £90

Reduced outgoings and increased incomings

Losses: 'This is Me' was a big loss financially, but as RW reiterates, it wasn't really about being a money earner as was an inspirational project, and was so successful with the children that 'This is Me 2' is in progress.

Party box loss: Covid didn't help: need 50 napkins made / 2 or 3 table runners / Colours peppermint green and white. Sarah Lee is looking into it.

## **FUNDRAISING**

- a) 2021 Firle School Calendar is underway first school fundraising project
- b) Halloween treasure hunt and Eco Balloon Race
- c) School lottery Deborah Vice-Holt has set up
- d) Tea towels, mugs, etc Sally is organising, is a pre order in time for Xmas
- e) Fay Macdonald will be selling school uniform from her house
- f) Xmas fair: Parents from each class, donate 2 sets of materials to make craft take home activity bag which will be sold to pupils. (to replace wristband activities from Christmas Fair)
- g) Xmas nativity, etc how to film / broadcast for parents
- h) Xmas tree donation – AMLV will ask middle farm again
- i) Father Xmas presents, we still have some gifts from last year in the art cupboard.
- j) Xmas Raffle, and how to do it online. Dan V-H looking into it linking up with Lisa Geer and Sophie Ryan – Need at least 4 more volunteers to generate raffle prizes from local business or other sources.
- k) Need a small team of volunteers to research grant funding, i.e Masonic Fund, Rotary Club, Tesco, 6 needed.
- h) Our biggest need: New playground apparatus to replace Trim Trail, the whole area needs to be wow factor as you come through gates, and usable when wet. CM will ask someone at The Dicker about how they got their grants.  
AMLV willow structure suggestion, perhaps in forest school area, Helen Thomas and Jane Pratley? poss get into help with Willow Structures? Include outdoor booknook. Aim to fundraise to get new apparatus in by summer holidays – need a lot of help with this.

Online xmas raffle. Lottery licence, now school has a gambling licence.

### **3) Projects / requests for funds from the school to fundraise for.**

- a) We are removing Math's passports and adding curriculum books and PHSE Books, i.e surrounding subjects such as family breakups, bereavement, etc. also narrative learning for subjects such as Maths, and Science.
- b) Cherry Pip's need a new smart board
- c) Need money for permanent outside canopy urgently
- d) Xmas Eco crackers
- e) 5 laptops

### **4) Upcoming events:**

Instead of the same team doing all events each year, we have devised a labour sharing system so that each class runs 2 events per year.

### **4) Other matters:**

- a) Explore if we can instate a clothing bank in Firle Car park, to raise money from donations. Sarah Lee is asking Firle Estate about this possibility.

- b) To do a newspaper article about Covid evacuees at Firle School. Get into National News and get positive publicity the school. Explore which parents might be able to help with National press contacts.
- c) Go onto Facebook profile and invite parents so more friends of Firle members
- d) Get more sponsors for FOF Xmas Calendar
- e) Explore option to buy some equipment from the closure of the School: Moira House (HS)
- f) Facebook selling page, need a team to run this facebook page, which will be a good school fund raiser
- g) Rachel West going to talk to Vicky Brown about updating the FoF Facebook page, Lisa Geer to be involved?
- h) Rachel West says a massive thank you for FOF being so involved and supporting the school so well, especially throughout the Covid 19 crisis, it's really appreciated and makes a massive difference.

Meeting closed 8.43pm