



The Friends of Dothill School Virtual AGM

Monday 16th November 2020

Apologies for non attendance:

Jenny Olliver, Lucy Dorricott, Vicki Robinson, Katie Sadler, Katie Turner, Jo McCluskey

Attendees:

Eleanor Hood, Kate Dolan, Barbara Hale, Zella Goswell, Laura Rowley, Louise Byrne, Becca Butler, Kyra Foden, Stephanie Pickles, Stacey Cottrell

Election of officers:

Chair: Zella Goswell. Nominated by Kate Dolan seconded by Becca Butler

Vice Chair: Eleanor Hood. Nominated by Zella Goswell seconded by Becca Butler

Secretary: Vicki Robinson. Nominated by Zella Goswell seconded by Eleanor Hood

Treasurer: Kate Dolan. Nominated by Zella Goswell seconded by Eleanor Hood

All posts were unanimously voted for by all those present, and accepted by those nominated.

Report From Previous Year

Covered in meeting held on 5th October 2020

Constitution

Stephanie has investigated this and has discovered that we can adopt the Parentkind template. This must be submitted 90 days prior to the AGM so this will be done before next year's meeting.

Financial Update:

£2,500 was given to the school by The Friends which paid for an Atlas for each key stage, and new tuned percussion instruments which have been a huge success.

We would like to find out whether match funding from HSBC can continue throughout the year: **Jen Olliver**

Scary Hair Day raised £236.07 (up from £189 last year)

We want to inform parents of our financial spending as a social media post (send to Nicky Harvey) and via the school website: [Zellah](#)

General Business:

- 5p collections to restart at some point after Christmas. We will also consider an alternative such as filling raisin boxes with money at home. However we need to be mindful about sending anything home due to limitations because of covid-19.
- Clothing bank will be open for parents to drop off donations at all times. This will be advertised on Facebook by [Stacey](#), and a laminated poster will be displayed by [Eleanor](#). This will be reviewed in the new year when the clothing recycling companies are open again and we can look for the best possible deal.
- Christmas

We are finalising arrangements for a virtual personalised Christmas performance which the Friends will fund. The cost is £175. [Zellah](#)

The idea of the children performing Christmas songs for a DVD for parents is unfortunately not allowed to go ahead due to Covid-19 restrictions.

We agreed that the idea of a virtual Santa visit was unnecessary because of the aforementioned virtual personalised performance.

All reminders have been sent out to parents regarding the children's christmas card designs. Although we can't really compare this to other years due to the unusual circumstances of 2020, it will be reviewed in the new year to ascertain how much money was raised, and if parents found this system simpler/better than previous years. We will maybe do a parent survey about this and other fundraisers.

We discussed Eco Friendly Christmas Crackers or a gift for the children to take home for example decorate your own tree decorations. However Becca raised concerns over lack of space during Christmas dinner this year because dinner will be in the classrooms. [Zellah](#) to consider further; maybe something can be sent home prior to Christmas dinner day.

Within school it has already been arranged for the children in each class to open an advent door each day, with a different treat behind each door (please don't tell your children about this yet!) Treats include things like movie and popcorn on Thursday 17th December. Two Friends volunteers will be needed to bag up popcorn and source kernels. [Stacey](#) has volunteered but we need one more person.

A Christmas trail was suggested by Zellah but it was decided it's too much work this time and we might do something along those lines for Halloween 2021.

- Toy Afternoon

This was a success but we still need more toys. Becca has sent a wish list for each year group to Zella. Is it possible to provide 1 x shop bought game per class? Becca suggested maybe they could be wrapped and given as a gift from the "Friends". Zella has sent wrapping paper in to school, and Becca confirmed that the teachers can wrap the gift for their class. We will ask parents again for donations from next week onwards. We will specify which games the children have asked for. We have spent £57 on games and toys so far.

- Online banking has been set up for the Friends bank account. However we need a second person to activate it. **Barbara Hale** has volunteered.

- Policy Requirements Review

We are required to hold policies for Safe Guarding, GDPR and Health & Safety. **Stephanie Pickles** will look at this in the new year.

- Ideas discussed:
 1. Quiz via Teams/Zoom
 2. Bingo
 3. Tea Towels after Easter
 4. Halloween 2021: selling Trick or Treat bags
 5. Personalised book idea: children send in recipes? Artwork? Something to ask parents about in poll
 6. Mufti Day after Christmas

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2021