

Minutes of FOSS Meeting held at the Butcher's Arms on 17/1/12

Attendees: Mr Lailey, Belinda Cox, Emma, Mandy, Tracy, Jo Fry, Isla, Lichen, Charlotte, Lisa, Jenn, Joe

Apologies: Lesley, Becky, Alicia

1. Brief Analysis of Christmas Fair

Very positive feedback following the Fair. Need to improve signage for some of the activities. Outside area (catering) particularly successful. Great atmosphere. Possibly more stalls outside to free up space within the hall? Weather dependent though. Maybe a marquee could be donated? Plan to provide liquid refreshment for stall holders (in line with other local fairs). Pre-Fair meeting required between kitchen staff and Fair organisers to clarify details of food provided and pricing. Donations for stalls to be left in the staff room and then moved to more secure location on a daily basis. Successful publicity including invites to past parents. Keep admission fee. Similar method for raffle.

2. Finances

Thanks to Tracy for her continued hard work re. this. Most events raised more money than last year (thanks everyone!). Funds boosted by the Promises Auction, donations by direct debit, Village Fun Day and Bonfire Night £4,800 profit which will help the children enormously.

3. Allocation of FOSS Funds

Paul, Emma and Tracy recently held a meeting to discuss this issue. More trips are planned - FOSS will donate 1/2 the travel costs for these. Propose to have 5 "pots" of money - 1 for each class, 1 for Nursery and 1 for Foss admin costs via the office (photocopying, printing, stationery etc.). Text messages now on an unlimited tariff for £320 p.a. FOSS to contribute 1/2 of this. Some additional money will be spent on provision for art and craft and gardening. Paul informed us of the need to spend some money on I.T. Require new computers, 5 digital cameras. For large spends like this it is proposed that we canvas parents opinion re. where the money should be sourced. All FOSS donations to be accounted for and reported back to parents.

4. Events

Discussion followed re. annual events we currently hold. Additions could include an adult social evening (Joe suggested this could be held at Hawkwood). Sponsored cycle rides - families and individuals? (Cranham ride raised c. £5000. Need to balance fun and fundraising.

Meeting to be held next Tuesday 24/1/12 after school drop off (9'ish) at Mandy's House to discuss proposed events for this year Please come along if you have any opinions/ ideas.

5. Jumble Sale

Next event on the FOSS calender! Need to contact Maggie re. availability of village hall in March **Action:** Mandy. Joe and Alicia may be main contacts for this event (t.b.c.) Hanging rails required to improve layout of the jumble **Action: Paul.** Hangers required **Action: Belinda.** Will need plenty of help to set up and clear away and help with refreshments in the kitchen. Watch this space for more details.

6. Diamond Jubilee Celebration (2-5 June)

Proposing to hold a joint village/school event to celebrate this. Street Party? In addition to this Paul is keen to organise a joint event with Cranham School - Grand Picnic at Ebworth? Need to speak with Maggie re proposals for village event **Action: Emma**

7. Olympic Torch in Painswick (Wed 23 May)

The torch should be in Painswick late afternoon then proceed along the A46 to Cheltenham. May join with other local schools to view the event. **Action: Paul to co-ordinate**

8. Painswick Wearable Art Festival

Would be good to enter this again this year but allow more time for creating the outfits. Lichen has offered to help with this. Jo Fry has possible contact to help also, After school club to be established?

Thanks to everyone who attended and to Mark and Sharon for providing the venue plus tea and coffee!

Mandy

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