FRIENDS OF SGHS

Minutes

Date: 13.03.17 Time: 6.30pm Venue: Library

Present: Rachel Knight (RK), Steven Rose (SR - Chair), Joanne Busfield (JB), Caroline

Batson (CB), Louise Cairns (LC), Jordan Clarke - guest

ITEM	SUBJECT ACTION				
1	Apologies David Whitfield, Gina Benson, Chloe Vereker, Catherine Kemp, Suzy Vincent	ACTION			
2	 JB - Barclays Match funding, Leslie is going to go into a Barclays branch and ask having got no further on the phone JB - Art Exhibition still to be properly discussed We had decided on the cheaper buckets with ties and these will need buying before the Morison's bag pack - RK will contact CK Chloe has done a list of upcoming events and of the contacts we have been able to get - RK brought these and showed those present JB - Contact list from first meeting not been located. Might Sally have a record of an email sent to everyone? - JB will investigate Joint Event with Ermysteds - CB this has been discussed at Ermysteds PTA meeting and they are keen, it is jus at matter of what might work. A ball was discussed but they are difficult to organise and there is a big outlay upfront. It may be too formal and wouldn't be until next year now. General discussion re other ideas - maybe a mothers and daughter day and father and son day at the respective schools to tie in with mothers/fathers day, or a fashion show - to be discussed further CK has contacted Suzy Vincent - more details below 	JB – Barclays match funding news from Leslie? JB – report back on Art Exhibition discussions RK ask CK – buy buckets and ties JB – Contact list from early meeting – any record on Sally's sent emails? Any more thoughts on joint event with Ermysteds			
3	 Jordan Clarke Eco Committee Jordan spoke to the group about the Eco Committee which has been meeting weekly at lunchtime since October They are aiming to make SGHS an eco school by e.g. saving water, energy and becoming more 				

sustainable

- £8000 from Tesco community fund has been used for a garden, greenhouse, and equipment but would like money for seeds
- They are aiming for an International accreditation. Currently bronze and aiming for the highest Green Flag award which includes involving the wider community and having someone from the PTA or Governors attend meetings. CB said she may be able to do some meetings and in fact manages environmental issues at her own workplace so is in a good position to help
- Jordan proposed joining Friends in organising the Summer Fair with a theme of sustainability and the environment
- General discussion on how this would work all like the idea of an 'Agricultural Show' style Fair with cooking demonstrations, best veg, seed and plant sales, recipe swap etc all using the school gardens produce
- A good way for the Eco Committee to showcase what they have done so far.
- Some discussion regarding the distribution of money raised but decided all money raised from this event would go to the Eco Committee as we have more or less reached our target for the library (more discussion on this later...)
- Jordan also has the idea of selling a bird box kit to raise funds
- Jordan spoke about the need to involve the wider community and that it would be good to get grandparents, keen gardeners, chefs etc on board maybe even a local celebrity or prominent figure?
- RK will get more info, pictures and web links from Jordan and email Suzy about a press release regarding the 2 committees joining forces for the summer Fair and giving a shout out for contributors
- Can GS put a shout on FB as well?

CB to attend or arrange to attend an Eco meeting?

RK – get more info and web links from Jordan and email Suzy regarding a press release and GS – shout out for grandparents or interested parties on FB

4 Feedback from Race Night

- LC very pleased with how the evening had gone and thanked everyone for their help. A good amount of people attended in the end (45), the cost of the race night company was well worth the money and the food went down well. Maybe more beers next time and charge the same for prosecco as other bottles of wine.
- All agreed it was a successful night, fun and a good money raiser and we should do one again maybe next year.
- Thanks to Keith and Joanne for setting the room

JB – confirm race night takings and pay into bank with parent pay money

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	 up and to Keith for running the bar Final profit somewhere between £750 and £850. Cash and ticket money from parent pay to be paid into the Friends account still – JB will finalise this with Leslie 	
5	 Treasurer's report - RK RK confirmed current bank balance Final profit from race Night tbc 	
6	 Communications and Publicity We now have Suzy Vincent on board to handle PR and communications She has already organised a press release about the Friends in the Craven Herald with quotes from Jenn and details about our aims and how to contact us Suzy had hoped to come to the meeting tonight but couldn't make it - hopefully the next one 	Suzy at next meeting?
7	 Spring hamper JB – JP is in the process of getting the hamper returned for display! RK – had hoped to get some good prizes from local businesses but not a great response JB – try Bizzie lizzies and Morrisons – RK will do LC – bigger prizes don't necessarily mean more tickets are sold anyway JB confirmed raffle tickets will be on sale from reception and sold at form time. Can also sell tickets at Yr 8 options evening Raffle drawn on the last day 7th April before Easter 	RK – ring for vouchers
8.	 Morrisons Bag Pack 29th April JB – students have been asked to volunteer and the choir have been asked to perform on the day. 1-2 adult volunteers will be required per hour. LC said she can be there Head girl team to be invoved 	Organisation of the bag pack via email now - RK will email for adult volunteers amongst regular contributors initially
9.	 Year 8 options meeting LC has been to an options evening recently and think its may be too busy for parents and they won't be interested in hanging around – having taken this on board we will just give out bookmarks with a calendar of events on – JB, RK and Dan will sort this out via email. LC and CB have volunteered to set up a stand before the event – times tbc also raffle tickets for hamper tbc May quiz night Discussion that May is too soon for a quiz although 	RK – contact JB and Dan re bookmark RK let LC and CB know times and about hamper RK – research caterers for curry and quiz

		all like the idea – maybe October? Curry and quiz a possibility. RK will look in to cost of a curry. JB suggested department head could each compile and present questions. Engineering Event To be talked about again with Jenn Summer Fair See discussion with Jordan re theme Could we look at a different date now that we are not tying in with the art show? – 15th July a possibility Year 6 induction evening 23rd June All agreed this would be a good chance to promote Friends to new parents and we will speak to the group and offer cheese and wine in the library, maybe a fun quiz to get people talking - tbc	JB – check school calendar and with Jenn re 15th July for summer fair All firm up future events
9.	AOB • Next	JB – the school has put in a bid for a new building to accommodate the proposed increase of 25 new students per year to the school. She has asked that should this happen would the Friends be prepared to raise £50,000 towards furnishing the building. General discussion about this. We have been raising money so far for the current library and it is proposed that this would go towards the new building if it goes ahead and that future events would now go towards this. General feeling hat this would be an impressive project for the Friends to fund and would expand possibilities for promotion and fund raising. Initially we would need a pop up banner for display at all events to promote the plans. We will wait for confirmation the bid has been accepted before further discussion. Ring fencing current funds and holding a reserve in the account for upfront purchases also up for further discussion LC – would like to step away from attending meetings from now on but always happy to help and to be contacted for advice. Thank you to Louise for her invaluable support in our first year. Meeting – 8th May 6.30pm library	JB – confirm when bid for new build has been accepted Further discussion on this and holding a reserve amount in the bank at next meeting
	Mee	ting closed 8.30pm	