

Friends of Norton School Committee Meeting

Thursday 21st September 2022

1. Attendees

Liz Surtees
Becky Smale
Simon Coles
Lucy Chandler
Penny Balding
Louise Lewis
Bronwyn Barnes
Charlotte Wasilewski
Faye O-Connell (virtual)

2. Apologies

Kirst Loveridge, Julia Pennington, Kate Harris, Michelle Zygmund-Terry

3. Review of Previous Minutes

Accept previous minutes

4. Provision of latest bank statement

Reviewed at AGM – opening balance for the year £5949.43

5. Fundraising focus 2022/2023

Liz spoke to the teachers just after their meeting at the beginning of term. The following two topics were discussed:

- Mrs Woodland is doing Forest School Training. School would like outdoor equipment for Forest School.
 - School to provide a list of equipment that would be required.
 - Charlotte W, has forest school experience, to speak to Mrs Woodland about her requirements.
- Miss Bussey would like markings on the playground outside the new extension
 - 100 square grid
 - Miss Bussey to get a quote and bring proposal to FoNS

No other funds were requested for this year. It was discussed that Mr Spencer had previously requested new goal posts as the current ones are broken and potentially dangerous. Also matching t-shirts for the sports teams had previously been discussed. FoNS are awaiting a formal request with a quotation from Mr Spencer so that this can be funded.

6. Autumn/Winter event planning & fundraising ideas

The Village Hall remains unavailable to use due to structural issues with the roof. The first Structural Engineer who came to assess the building didn't provide a suitable service and the Village Hall Committee weren't impressed. Since then, County LEA have got involved as the lack of hall is impacting the school. Another Structural Engineer is due to assess the hall but hasn't visited yet. When the assessment is carried out, school have made it clear that they want to know what the interim plans are, how quickly the hall can be made available and the long term plan.

Gary Edgecombe wants to have a big blow-out Christmas Fayre in the village hall as soon as it's open, to include the Rugby Club, Parish Council and FoNS.

Winter Fayre – discussed holding a Winter Fayre event in school, just in case the village hall isn't available. Santa's Grotto can be set up in one of the classrooms, stalls/games can be in another, with refreshments available too. Plan for end of November – date TBC.

Cake Stall at Coombe Hill Farm Shop - Saturday 1st October (9am-2pm)

Joanne Robson has asked if FoNS would like to hold a cake sale at Coombe Hill FS as The Baking Bird is unavailable that weekend. Agreed that we should do it.

Volunteers: Penny, Lucy, Becky, Louise, Bron (for morning only) – suggested shifts rather than everyone do all of it. Bron to create a whatsapp group just for this event.

Penny to do a poster to advertise the cake sale and also to ask for cake donations. Posters to go on Class Dojo and Facebook.

Cake donations to be collected after school on Friday 30th November, or be delivered on the day. Becky and Lucy to collect cakes on Friday.

Louise to ask Joanne about cups/plates and crates to transport cakes.

Shopping list:

Paper plates

Napkins

Tea, coffee, hot chocolate

Milk

Sugar

Cups

Marshmallows

Squirty cream

Squash

Rags 2 Riches – Tuesday 4th October

We have a R2R collection coming up. Penny to create a poster for the collection to go on Class Dojo, Facebook group and individual whatsapp groups.

Raffle prizes

We have some raffle prizes left, some have no expiry date however Rococo Garden voucher expires on 30th November. Could raffle it off at the cake sale. Becky to email and ask if it can be extended beyond 30th November, if so it could be saved for winter event, if not then raffle sooner.

7. Any other business

Ipads – Confirmed and agreed that £3500 of funds is ringfenced for the ipads. Can't write a cheque yet until we have an invoice. School have not yet received them.

Shed – delivery confirmed as this Thursday (22nd Sept). Becky confirmed with the company to avoid the school drop-off times when the car park is busy. Becky to speak to Gary about people to help assemble the shed (rugby club have offered to put it up). Bron to design a sign for the side of the shed – would be good to paint it with "Donated by FoNS" on the side that faces the school gates.

8. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 18th October 8-9pm at The Swan (Bron to book).