

P.A.F.F.S. Minutes 23/9/16

Present:

Nikki Bailey, Sarah Richardson, Louisa Cooke, Helen Hall, John Douthwaite, Elaine Smith, Jan Tyler and Faye Wilkinson.

Apologies:

Jodie Tara-Davidson, Matt Smith, Sarah Moore and Callum Balding.

The Session began with a welcome from the chair and an introduction to the voting of all current roles. Each September all roles become up for renewal and any member can put themselves forward. All roles were voted for by the people in attendance at this meeting. The outcome of this was:

Chair Elaine Smith

Vice Chair Faye Wilkinson

Secretary Nikki Bailey

Treasurer Jan Tyler

We would like to take this opportunity to Thank Fiona Hill who has been treasurer and a great support to P.A.F.F.S for a number of years. Thank you.

A big Thank you to everyone who supports P.A.F.F.S through kind donations, attending our events and helping us to fundraise. We appreciate all the efforts of each and every one of you.

Financial report:

Please see report attached. It was agreed that the P.A.F.F.S. account was healthy growing. All money raised will be going towards an adventure play area on the field.

Matters arising:

It was decided that P.A.F.F.S will write letters thanking the Jolly jumlbers and the textiles collections for their contributions towards funds. Thank you letters will also be written to all the companies that donated towards our summer raffle. It was suggested that these letters should come from the children.

Christmas fair:

The date of this year's Christmas fair will be on Saturday 26/11/16 and will take place at Thornton Le Clay village Hall. Tables are filling up fast and are charged at £8 per table plus a raffle prize. If you would like to sell items at the fair please contact one of the P.A.F.F.S team to book your table. Entry to the fair will be £1 per person plus a raffle ticket. Refreshments will be sold separately. A full list of tables will be issued nearer the time. We are looking for a Father Christmas for this event if you know of anybody that may be able to help please contact the team alternatively you can contact

Foston School and leave a message. John Douthwaite has kindly offered to donate a dozen bottles of mulled wine.

Quiz:

At the start of the New Year we are trailing something new to P.A.F.F.S. We are introducing 'Sell a quiz' these will go on sale and can be bought at various places for £3 a quiz. You can complete the quiz at home and hand them in by the due date. There will be prizes for the First, Second and third winners. More Information to follow.

Summer BBQ:

As you will agree, we had a fantastic response to our summer raffle with lots of companies donating a prize. We will again be asking for donations from local companies. If you would like to donate or may know a company who can please let us know.

P.T.A:

Elaine is going to contact the P.T.A. association to find out about possible grants towards the adventure play area on the field. It was also suggested that some companies such as Tesco and John Lewis also offer this service.

Adventure Playground:

We are still fundraising towards this and the future is looking bright. After a brief discussion with the designers they have suggested creating the play area in small sections as we raise the money for each area. This means that the children can use the play area and watch how it grows. There was mention of who could use the play equipment in terms of out of school hours. It was stated that professional signs will be visible and locks will be placed on school gates to state that the play equipment is only for use of Foston School children within school hours. The play equipment is not insured for use outside of these hours.

School recipe book:

Miss Cooke suggested that as part of our Fun Friday curriculum, the children create a recipe book with all the things they have cooked at school and favourite recipes from home. This would make a fantastic change from shopping bags or tea towels.

A.O.B:

All events will be advertised on the Facebook site and local noticeboards.

It was also suggested that we take our stalls further afield to widen our clientele. We have started to do this, taking our table so far to Malton food festival and the Sutton and Huby show. If anyone has any suggestions please let us know.

Car Boot sale:

We are aiming on attending 3 car boot sales a year if not only to sell but to go bucket rattling.

Gift aid:

Elaine is looking into the possibility of receiving gift aid.

Halloween Party:

Although we have been fundraising a lot over the year, we feel that the children deserve some P.A.F.F.S fun!! We have decided to host a Halloween party on October 22nd 2016 (depending on availability) at the Village hall. This will be fancy dress for all (adults included), disco, kids Karaoke, refreshments, Halloween bake off and a few games. More information to follow on confirmation of venue.

Date of next meeting:

6 weeks (date to be confirmed) at Foston School from 3.30pm

Thank you to all who attended.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continuous support.