

FONS AGM Thursday 24th September 2015

Present: Mrs Meaden, Kate Griffiths, Sarah Crosby, Nia Grant, Beth Jennings, Kathy Cracknell, Nicola Hall, Tracy Horigan

Apologies: Helen Allen, Sam Forde

CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Sarah reported that the 2014/2015 academic year had on the whole been a success as far as raising money for our school. An estimated six FONS meetings were held throughout the academic year and a healthy amount was raised thanks to a small group of parents who have volunteered their time, ideas and commitment to the school. It was felt that FONS had worked efficiently and effectively. However, many more parent helpers are needed to lighten the load and generally make FONS an even greater success.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOUR

Sarah reported that a list of forthcoming fundraising events be drawn up and parents be invited to be responsible for an event/specific help in the hope that the workload is shared fairly amongst all parents.

Second hand uniform & book sale - donations to be asked for from parents. Any left over uniform will be kept in the pantry. Books to be taken to charity shop, Beth has offered to do this.

Christmas cards or calendar - it was decided not to produce the calendar as for the amount of work involved and the financial return is not worth it. Sales are usually poor with most of the revenue coming from sponsorship. It was decided instead to look in to having Christmas cards made. Kate offered to ask a family friend who is a photographer to come and take photos of the children. We would then be able to use these images on cards. Sarah to ask Delyn Printers the cost of producing packs of 5/10 cards.

Christmas Hampers - a list of suitable items for a couple of hamper prizes will be put up mid-November asking for parents to donate. Nia & Sarah are happy to 'arrange' these hampers. Tracy offered suitable boxes and nesting material. Sarah to draft the list.

Raffle tickets - need to contact Delyn Press for a proof copy as certain details need altering from last year. Need to also check how many were ordered last year. Sarah will ring them and arrange.

Raffle prizes - we already have a meal voucher for The Miners in Maeshafen. Will ask parents if they can donate suitable prizes with a few suggestions. Last year - Fresh Christmas tree, Spaven voucher, Lego set & sweets, cuddly toy & sweets, floral arrangement, 3 hampers, bottle of bubbly. Sarah has plenty of cellophane & curling ribbon.

Presents for the Christmas Party - Tracy has offered to order and wrap these. Order to be made from the October Scholastic catalogue, £3 limit per child.

Refreshments for Children's Christmas Party - Janet will give Tracy a list of items needed for the party. Usually a drink, bag of crisps, chocolate treat and a load of sweets for prizes. A couple of selection boxes wrapped for pass the parcel.

Sale of raffle tickets and distribution of flyers for the matinée Christmas Concert through the Village - help is needed going through the village to sell/ distribute these. Dividing the village into easy sections makes it more do-able as the evenings draw in. Maybe someone could

approach a few mums with a simple map of the village to make sure the whole village is covered without duplication.

Own Clothes Day - There will be an own clothes day the Friday before the Christmas Concert in return for a donation of bottle and or chocolate for the tombola stalls after the Christmas Concert. We will also be asking for donations of mince pies.

Christmas Concert Night - Parental help is needed on the day and night of the Concert in relation to setting up the raffle prizes display, the tombola stalls including ticketing the bottles and chocolates and also running the stalls on the night. Also need a couple of people to sell any remaining raffle tickets. If Christmas cards are made a couple of people need to be selling these. We will also need a team of people making refreshments and doing the dishes.

After School Bingo and Easter Bingo - To be held in school and run by staff. Dates yet to be confirmed. Nicola and Jenny kindly volunteered to organise refreshments for the children during one of these events.

Supermarket Vouchers - It was suggested to approach Sharon Miles who works at Tesco in Ruthin for her help with this.

Nercwys News - It was agreed that we should have an article in the next edition explaining a little about our school and the fundraising efforts of FONs. Nia to draft.

TREASURER

In terms of fundraising, Kathy reported that the sale of the school calendars had not been too profitable and it was agreed not to produce these this academic year.

Also, the sale of the Christmas decorations had also not been a success. It was agreed not to make these again.

Kathy officially retired from her role as treasurer and FONs expressed their gratitude and thanks to her for fulfilling this role so diligently for many years.

Consequently, the position of treasurer was available. Kate Griffiths very kindly agreed to take on this role. (Sarah nominated, Nia seconded) Thank you Kate!

In the event of there being no other nominations, Sarah and Nia agreed to continue for another year as Chair and Secretary respectively. The committee present were in agreement with this.

Due to the change in personnel it was agreed to update the signatories for the FONs account. These would now be Sarah, Tracy, Kate and Elaine. The address for the statements to be sent to would be altered to the school address.

Next Meeting : Monday 19th October 2015 at 3.15pm at school.