**FOSG AGM Meeting November 2nd 2021**

**Attendees:** Kate Witkiss, Tony Storey, Sam Green, Hannah Clark, Tracy Hobson, Emily Robson, Claire Rowson, Nicole Elston-Cochran and Mr Darbyshire

**Apologies:** Caroline Moses, Toni Rowson

**Minutes from the last meeting:** Shared out from the last AGM and the only change is to add Claire Rowson to the attendees.

**FOSG Chairs Report 2020/21:** I don’t think we expected another interrupted year and it was disappointing not to be able to get back to normal. We had a more limited budget for spending last year but we were still able to fund the new kitchen area, toys for ASC, Year 6 fun, xmas parties and the week junior and £1000 towards books. Our pre loved uniform sales are going from strength to strength and I envisage this continuing the more people come to know about it.

Despite the limitations last year and with what felt like minimal effort we managed to raise a staggering £6734.23. This goes to show what can be done in difficult times and possibly highlights the benefit of streamlining what we do for maximum gain. Although, I think events were missed last year and we need to find a balance between maximising fundraising and providing fun and social events too even if that means more effort for less gain as ultimately that’s our mission statement – providing fun and social engagement for the school community while raising funds.

Support all round has been great but we have not been able to develop our future team as much as we would have liked. I’d really like to try to focus on this over the next 6 months by developing more communication, get to know us events and our “Events team”. We have some administration tasks that need updating and completing and I propose we keep January as a “free month” here the committee focus solely on updating all of these tasks so everything is up to date to allow for a smoother running of the charity.

This year needs to be about regrouping, re focussing and moving forward. Raising funds is as important as ever but we need to try to bring some of the fun back for the children and aim for a larger scale summer celebration.

The FOSG team remains as committed as ever even if all our lives seem to be getting busier by the month and in this lies the importance of the events team so we have people to fall back to make all our plans work.

Thank you to all of the team, Mr Darbyshire & staff and families for the ongoing support. I really hope this year will bring more normality and more fun!

HOWEVER some how for quite minimal input we still achieved a massive amount.

**Finance update:** We must note that the ratio of effort verses money made this year was great. We must consider this going forward. Overall, from the events we made £6734.23 profit. Our most successful events were the bog eye’d jog, the Christmas raffle and the pre-loved unform sales.

This year we have funded new books, the cooking corner, Christmas parties for all the year groups and a card reader for FOSG events.

Considering the covid restrictions involved this year we have been very successful.

**Committee Member Votes:**

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| Role | Nominations | Support | Seconded |
| Chair | Kate Witkiss | Tony Storey | Mr Darbyshire |
| Treasurer | Tony Storey | Kate Witkiss | Mr Darbyshire |
| Vice Chair | Toni Rowson | Kate Witkiss | Mr Darbyshire |
| Secretary | Tracy Hobson | Kate Witkiss | Hannah Clark |

All agreed

**Constitution:**

Only change is to add virtual meetings as an attendance option going forward- agreed

Agreed to run no event in January so FOSG have some time to complete some admin tasks including:

* Need to update the trustee list as some parents have left
* Need to update with Charity Commission
* Need to close the RBS account and transfer everything to the main account so everything is on one place which will make things easier for the Treasurer.
* Remove Caroline for the banking (previous treasurer)

**Spending plans:**

In the bank we have £13760.64

This will be broken down into:

* £1000 added to the reserve
* £1920 added to maintenance
* £2420 Added to savings (big project)

This leaves £8420 to spend minus what has already been purchased this year:

* £110 Parent pay
* £150 Playground toys
* £TBC Weekly Junior
* £TBC Waterproof trousers for Reception
* £525 School panto
* £200 to substitute the leavers hoodies for Yr 6

£6885 left (approx.)

Each year we supply £50 per class for the teacher to use at their discretion for prizes, art project work etc- agreed to do again this year.

**Ideas for spending:**

**Forest school –** St Gregory’s are looking at becoming an official Forest School. We are developing the area at the back of the field all the time and arranging for teachers to become accredited so we can apply for the status. A container being installed on the field would allow for better storage and less time spent by teachers moving equipment such as the fire pit from school before using, therefore more time being spent in the forest school area. Additional supplies for den making etc could be stored as well as wellies and waterproof clothing etc. Once set up the Forest School area could be rented out to other schools to use and so bring an income into the school.

**Running track development-** It needs looking at some more for what would be required. Climbing frames, further exercise areas, rope walls etc

**‘You have been noticed’ pot-** Could we support a pot of money that would be spent to reward children for positive actions, behaviour etc. It was suggested a book vending machine maybe a good idea – Hannah to get more information for Mr Darbyshire.

**Goal ends-** could be a possibility for a big project- again needs looking into for more detail and suggested costs.

**Backing of the school Eco Council**- Discussions of a ‘dragon’s den’ type of competition. FOSG to fund the initial costs (£200) and the council create events to raise money and use the profit to pay for a new poly tunnel for example. They could write letters to local businesses for sponsorship etc.

Mr Darbyshire was asked what the priority is for this year and Forest School was confirmed. FOSG will supply £3000 to purchase a storage unit which meets the needs of Forest School so the facilities can be used more effectively and developed further.

**AOB:**

A huge thanks to Kate Witkiss as the main driver of the PTA, whom without we would not be as successful, especially in the past, very challenging, 18 months. Thank You Kate from everyone at FOSG and St Gregory’s.

**Next Meeting :** 13th October 2022 (proposed)