**Friends of Bisley School Committee Meeting 06/07/21**

**Attending Apologies**

Sarah Dudley Talitha

Alex McAlpine Rachel

Jo Venables Ash Lowe

Marion Barton (minutes) Carla

Callie Hursthouse Caroline

Emily Holbrook Suzanne

Lynsey Stiff Sam

Linda Vicki

 **Approval of previous minutes**

Approved

**Introduction of members**

All members known to each other

**Financial update**

The School lottery has sent us a payment of £314.80 this month. Possibly this payment comprises 2 months in one payment.

Alien books have made £20.91.

£58.46 from uniform sales at the incoming reception settling in session (much of which was hats and caps so costs for these will come out of that amount).

£56.74 Sunflower seeds sales.

£387.68 for Father’s day key rings.

We have paid the school £7387.76 for the new climbing wall. This information is confidential until the announcement is made.

**Feedback on FOBS events**

Lottery – ongoing, down to 82 which is over £1,700 per year. To be put on the welcome letter to new parents and advertised in September.

Year 6 Leavers books – still ongoing. Waiting for 1 more photo and can go to print. The deadline is getting close now.

Father’s Day Key Rings – this went well, thank you CA. The one missing keyring was resolved by AM. Somebody requested that we put the information on deadlines in the text of the email from school as they cannot search the pdf for dates. The committee discussed this and felt that the dates are well advertised in the newsletter, the writers try and put the deadlines in date order and in a highlighted colour. Adding more text to the initial email is more work to give Mrs Cook and may result in people not reading the actual newsletter.

Happy Bags – £228.90 has come through from Happy Bags. The amount paid out is still quite low, but has reduced because of Covid. We hope it will go up again at some point.

Empties Please – Another bin went off today, 4 in the last week. AM would like someone else to take this on in September.

**Future Events**

Foreign Currency – ongoing

Hats and Caps – We have enough stock for now but might order more in September.

Grants – A grant came through from ebay for £3. When selling on ebay you can choose to donate a percentage to FOBS.

Nearly New Uniform – A message went around recently to say we will be closing the second hand shop at the end of term and opening again in late August. This has generated some orders which Jo is fulfilling. Logo stock is selling fast. The new email is working well and far fewer people are contacting the main FOBS email address now. Thanks to JV.

Auction – This is going well, over £700 of bids. We now have 550 lots! We hope items will skyrocket at the last minute. Thanks to JV, AL and AM for all their work sourcing items, packing them up and maintaining the online auction.

Sunflower Growing Competition – After the auction we can begin to publicise this more. We would like to make a fuss about asking competitors to post pics on facebook page etc. Newsletter to feature this rather than emphasising the sales of seeds.

Lovelight Photography – We have taken £80 so far. JV asked if there was an expiry date from when you purchase, but SD and AM do not think there is a particular date. The photographer gets in contact with the purchaser directly so any issues can be sorted out between purchaser and photographer.

Frozen Sports Day – We are buying enough ice pops to give one to every child on their sports day. We have permission to go into school a little early to give the ice pops to class teachers just before pickup. We are asking for donations to help cover the cost but all children will get an ice pop regardless of donation. There have not been many donations yet but some are waiting for when they are buying something else on PTA events to avoid paying too many web fees. It is a low donation price and some may prefer to pay cash. We could ask class reps to collect any cash donations and pass to FOBS members if they are happy to do that. We now have a volunteer for each year group to drop off the ice pops. No particular allergens in ice pops but we can ask school that if they have any concerns about allergens/diabetes etc to give the ice pops unopened to take home and parents check. **SD** to check with school.

Pizza Event – Could we book early to make sure we get our slot for early September? We were very limited for slots last time as it was popular. **EH** to take on for now and explore dates with them. Looking at 17/24 September.

Surrey Half – dates not publicized yet.

Car Boot Sales – None visited recently.

Christmas Cards – to revisit in a later meeting

Election of new Chair, Treasurer and Secretary – Linda has been on FOBS for 9 years but is now leaving as her child is leaving Bisley, thank you for all you have done we will miss you. Sad to say goodbye to Lynsey Stiff as well as she moves to a new job and to Callie as she moves house in the Autumn.

**Times and Dates of Future Meetings**

(FOBS celebration this Friday at SP’s house. Amy, previous committee member will be attending)

This is the last meeting of term, Monday 6 September suggested date for next meeting.

**Any Other Business**

none