



Friends of the Mead AGM Minutes - 18 October 2022

Attendees:

Sarah-Jane Churcher (SJC), Matthew Grogan (MG), Andy Martin (AM), Rachel West (RW), Michelle Coveney (MC), Dani Clinton (DC), Kathy Turner-Hart (KTH), Rachel Flowerday (RF), Rachelle Sanford (RS), Lora Grogan (LG), Katie Lovell (KL), Karen Hollands (KH), Rebecca O'Brien (RB)

Apologies:

Matt Cullimore (MCu), Tessa Duff (TD), Jennifer Woodcock (JW), Mellisa Morgan (MM)

1. Welcome & Introduction

- SJC reiterated FoM's mission, and introduced the current committee and class reps

MISSION

"FoM's mission is to bring the Mead community together outside of the classroom for fun events that raise funds for FoM. FoM use these funds to enhance our children's education over and above what the school provide."

COMMITTEE

Chair – SJ Churcher

Vice Chair – Matt Cullimore, Andy Martin

Treasurer – Matt Grogan

Secretary – Rachel West

CLASS REPS

Pre Reception	Carrie Steer	Karen Hollands		
Reception	Tessa Duff	Jennifer Woodcock		
Year 1	Cat Cook	Becky O'Brien		
Year 2	Lora Grogan	Rachel West	Sara Wright	
Year 3	Helen Baxter	Kathy Turner-Hart		
Year 4	Rachelle Sanford	Rachel Flowerday		
Year 5	Ayme Flay	Katie Lovell	Melissa Morgan	
Year 6	Nicole Morton	Nicole Bettelley	Nicky Roche	Nicola Tracey

- SJC noted that RW, AM & MG are all stepping down from the FOM Committee, MG at the end of this year. Request for all reps to please share open roles and encourage parents to volunteer >>Action

SJC will share a brief outline of what is expected from each role >>Action

- SJC highlighted a number of fundraising events from last year including own clothes day, Summer Ball (£8k), Second Hand Uniform sales (£3k), Raffles (£3k), Christmas Cards & Fitness on the astro.
- SJC shared also the list of funded requests from the last year, namely:
 - Polydron Magnet Sets (indoor)
 - 3 Giant Polydron playground sets
 - Playground Equipment
 - Sewing Machine and Light boxes for extra-curricular clubs
 - Crossways 'Transition to Secondary School' sessions for both Year 6 classes
 - Visit to Trinity Theatre for all year groups to see *The Prince & The Pauper*
 - Visit to Assembly Halls for *Jack & The Beanstalk*
 - End of term disco (x2)

2. Treasurers Report

- MG noted that FOM currently has c. £23.8k in the bank, with £20k reserved for the gym refurb
- MG shared that we should reiterate the "easy fundraising" link to all year groups, as this can generate funds from little effort
- MG noted that once the gym has been paid for, we will be running at a more 'normal' operating balance, we have been sitting on a large amount of funds for some time

3. Funding Requests

- Mrs Wilson has raised a funding request for more playground equipment, this is approximately the same as last year's request. FOM agreed that we are happy to approve this for every year, on condition that it is matched by Wishford.
- Library – This request has been around since 2019, looking to progress asap. SJC will meet with Mrs King after half term, to agree how the books which are no longer needed for the library will be managed - eg we can take to Oxfam on the Pantiles >>Action
- An Anti Bullying workshop has been proposed for KS1 & KS2, at a cost of £395. Other workshops have been proposed, including a parent workshop around anxiety in children, first aid, and sleeping problems. FOM are happy to subsidise these workshops, as long as the topics are agreed as relevant at these meetings.
- Sewing Machines have also been proposed - we have 2 on loan which it would be useful to purchase, these help with clubs and the show costumes. Fee to be confirmed, but FOM agreed to fund.
- KH raised that we should look at audio equipment, difficult to hear Mr Westwell at sports day etc. >>Action: MC to look into this and revert

4. Upcoming Events

- **MOVIE NIGHT:** SJC noted that the provisional date for Movie Night is 11 November, however timing is a challenge as we can only start at 6.15pm due to Judo club

- **CHRISTMAS:** A number of people expressed an interest in retiring jolly jam jars //UPDATE: Post the meeting, it was agreed that these will remain
- It was agreed that we will look at repeating Father Christmas in the outdoor classroom this year, with a disco in the gym running alongside it. Presents TBC, possibly a sweetie cone or similar rather than a book
- MEADFEST: To be rescheduled to 13/20 May

5. AOB

- Christmas Jumper Day - Date will align with Christmas lunch at school, MC to confirm date >>Action
- Christmas Hampers - All agreed that some are not very good, such as Movie Night, Bake Off - all to suggest new themes to SJC, who will confirm for each year group >>Action