



Friends of the Mead Committee Meeting Minutes - 12 May 2022

Attendees:

Sarah-Jane Churcher (SJC), Matthew Grogan (MG), Rachel West (RW), Cath Newland (CN), Kate Goodwin (KG), Michelle Coveney (MC), Dani Clinton (DC), Karen Hollands (KH), Carrie Steer (CS)

Apologies:

Matt Cullimore (MCu), Andy Martin (AM), Sarah Morley (SM)

1. May Ball (SJC)

- SJC noted that we will have 13 tables, 139 guests
- Silent auction will be held on the night
- >>Action: Anyone who is driving, please help with removing some of the decorations in the morning, all need to be removed by midday

2. Meadfest (SJC)

- Date this year is Saturday 10 September
- Theme will now be "Jubilee Jamboree" to enable re-use of decorations purchased for the ball
- MCu will lead on the procurement of food trucks, RW will finalise entertainment schedule with Mr Harley, Miss Victoria
- SJC noted that we will be looking for raffle prizes for this event, RW added that we should leverage the relationship with Salomons to perhaps get a free afternoon tea for 2

3. Uniform(SC/MR)

- Sale scheduled for May 16, 3.15pm with collection for the hygiene bank alongside // UPDATE: Sale raised £615

4. School Projects / Funding (SJC)

- SJC noted TM has attended the student council meeting, and will revert with a list of items requested by the older years for approval
- Gym - MC updated that the asbestos report has come back clear, work can now continue on the gym. The timeline is tight with Pied Piper, but it should be completed by this summer
- The Library - Mrs Hunt has shared that the shelves and displays could do with a refurb, perhaps we could look at parents sponsoring a shelf. MG raised whether Wishford will supply funding for the library, as this is an essential part of the school.

- MC added that there is opportunity to create a tranquil garden outside, getting rid of Mead Lodge as it is unsafe, and replacing it with a canopied area and seating. This area would also facilitate art lessons, and include a herb garden for the kitchen, and perhaps a 'save the bees' flower garden.

5. Website (DC)

- DC introduced herself, noting that she will be the new communications liaison for FOM, and sharing the updates that she plans to make to the website, ensuring that there will be a lot more content available online

6. End of Year (All)

- SJC noted that new reps need to be appointed for the next year across year groups
- SJC shared that anyone who is interested in joining the FOM committee can come forward & let us know
- Re end of term celebration, we can possibly look at having a disco again, or perhaps Pied Piper might be more fun? Y6 will have inflatables also at their party, however

5. AOB (MC)

- MC raised that perhaps we could look for some sponsorship for Sports Day on 10th June >>Action SJC to follow up
- MC also raised that to rent to large 'Audrey' plant for the school show, we will be looking at a cost of ~£2k, of which we have a shortfall of £1k. Could this possibly be supported by FOM? MG noted that he can request this of his company, they may be interested in sponsoring >>Action