

FOSS Minutes

Stanford in the Vale Primary School
Thursday 22nd February 2024
7.30pm

Attendees:

Amanda Willis, Karin Williams-Cuss, Graham Parker, Emma Payne, Natalie Hudson, Lucy Conder.

Apologies:

Nev Williams, Laura Raggatt, Wendy Williams, Linzi Esplin, Stephen Els, Andy Smith.

	Item / Action	
1	<u>Review of previous Minutes and Actions</u> Minutes from previous meeting Thursday 11 th January 2024 were approved.	
2	<u>Declaration of AOB</u> There was no other business from the previous meeting.	
3	<u>Treasurers Report / update</u> A full time Treasurer is still required. Nev will send the Treasurer job description to Amanda so that the position can be advertised in the newsletter and parentmail. Natalie suggested a possible candidate, Marek, about taking on the role, but she will need to talk to them first. If Marek cannot take the role on, Nev will email Amanda with the Treasurer's job description, so that it can be advertised to a wider audience. With respect to ease of use for the FOSS bank account, would it be possible to transfer & operate it from a PO branch? Karin said she would ask our former Treasurer, Rachael Wilkinson, about doing this. Karin will also ask Rachael to liaise with Stephen Els, who is currently holding the treasury fort, to ensure that the finances are sorted by the end of the financial year. A note with respect to Stanfords Got Talent: The money taken on the night needs to be recorded on the finance documents for the event.	
4	<u>Review of previous months events</u> <u>Stanfords got Talent</u> Thursday 25 th January 2024 @ 6pm Amount raised: TBC The evening went well, thank you to Karin, Lucy, Natalie & Linzi who helped ensure things went smoothly. Approximately 45 hotdogs were sold, so looking forward to next year, 50 should cover SGT. It was also suggested that having a receipt book for payments to the DJ would be prudent, this would give us a solid record of finances paid out.	

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Review of previous months events cont

School Disco

Friday 2nd February

KS1: 5.15 - 6.15 / KS2: 6.30 - 7.30

Tickets: £3

Amount raised: TBC

Another successful night. Thanks to Wendy, Natalie, Andy, Karin, Jude & Steve for ensuring things went smoothly, and also to the older children volunteers Emily & Ella Haynes. Due to the ticket money now being taken on the door, Amanda suggested opening the doors slightly earlier at 5pm, so the disco can start comfortably at 5.15 for KS1.

The tattoos were popular for KS1 children, but not so much for KS2, so at the next disco tattoos will be available for KS1 only.

Approximately 70 hotdogs were sold, so for future disco's aim to order in 100.

Bags2School

Tuesday 6th February

Amount raised: £165

A good amount raised, especially considering there is now a clothing bank at the village hall. The amount was about £20 down on the last Bags2School, however, £185 was an exceptional sum raised last time.

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Upcoming / Future Events

Easter Bingo Night

Saturday 23rd March

Doors Open: 6pm / Eyes Down: 6:30pm start

Children welcome

A stock check is required to ensure there are plenty of snacks & drinks for the night; snacks to order: Crisps, peanuts, scratchings, pretzels, sweets for the kids.

We have plenty of bingo books, but dabbers need to be ordered in to sell on the night. Ask Linzi if she could organise this, as she did for the last bingo night. Natalie will ask her sister to produce some posters to advertise the event.

Costs on the night

£10 per book including a flyer, £1 per dabber

Prizes

Line – Easter Egg x8

House – £15 Tesco voucher x8

Chocolate Hamper

Cash prize for flyer

Holding a raffle on the night was also suggested. This would require donations for prizes and will be advertised in the next newsletter.

Julie will ask the Social Club bingo caller if he would be willing to provide his services for the evening. We do need to ask him to slow down a little when calling though, as he lost a few people on the last bingo night.

Amanda, Emma, Natalie & Lucy volunteered to help run the evening, and will arrive at 5pm to start setting things up.

Upcoming / Future Events Cont**Easter Trail**

Monday 18th March – Monday 15th April

Linzie will be asked if she would like to take the lead on this, as she did such a good job last year. Volunteers required around the village to put the egg signs & numbers in their window for the trail, and Natalie's sister will design a poster to advertise the event. Entry will be £2 per form, hopefully the coffee shop will be happy to sell them. People can then follow the map around the village, crack the code & take the forms to the Co-Op to claim their Easter choccy prize!

Donations for the prizes will be required, Karin will speak to Gigaclear & Barratts to see if they will help.

An Easter bonnet & decorated eggs parade will take place Thursday 28th March, after the church service. The entries will be judged by FOSS members, with judging taking place at 11:15am for 30 minutes. There will be 2 winners per class, 1 Egg & 1 Bonnet, meaning 14 prizes in total will be up for grabs. A visit to The Grange was also discussed, with staff children taking the decorated eggs there to arrange a display.

There will also be a fond farewell to a long serving member of staff, Ms T Scrase.

School Disco

Friday 17th May

KS1: 5.15 - 6.15 / KS2: 6.30 - 7.30

Tickets: £3

Darren has been booked for the disco. Doors will open slightly earlier at 5pm. This will help facilitate paying for tickets on the door & ensure everyone is in for 5.15pm.

Natalie's sister will design the poster, ensuring it states:

Timings: KS1: 5.15 - 6.15 / KS2: 6.30 - 7.30

No mobile phones

Foundation / KS1 parents to queue with children

One thing suggested at last years AGM was a, 'Parents costume surprise – don't tell the children!'

The original date set was Friday 17th May, at school pick-up. After some discussion, it was decided to organise it for next years comic Relief Day, with the possibility of a family disco in the evening.

Non Uniform Day - School Fete Tombola

Thursday 13th June

School Fete

Saturday 15th June

With the school fete not far away now, a few suggestions have been made to help make the day more enjoyable, and hopefully more profitable.

Bands for the evening

Once the school fete finishes at 5pm, could we organise a band or two to extend the evening? There are parents who are members of bands, so we could approach them & ask if they would be willing to take the stage. It would encourage people to stay and enjoy the evening, have a few more drinks & spend a little more money.

Chipvan

Look into organising a chipvan to pitch up around 7.30 – 8pm.

Stalls

Open up the stalls for people to hire for the day, cost will be £10 + raffle prize donation. Applications need to be in by 24th May. One person that may be interested in a stall is the milkshake lady, Natalie will contact her.

Amanda will look into sorting hay bales, contact David Bailey for sound & Neil Mantle for the bar fridge.

Sports Day

Friday 28th June

Bags2School

Friday 5th July

Year 6 Leavers Show

Wed 17th / Thu 18th July

6	<p><u>Request for funding</u></p> <p>Year 5: Guitar stands for the back of the classroom: £2-250 – Approved</p> <p>Year 6: Pocket Dictionary & Thesaurus + wet play games: £123 – Approved</p> <p>Funding for a planetarium for science week: £950 Approx - Approved</p>	
7	<p><u>Previous Actions</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Christmas Fair 2024</u></p> <p>Would it be possible to organise a Christmas Fair for 2024? In order to get it organised we would need to start organising the Fair asap, Natalie Hudson has agreed to look into things and see what can be done.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Charity Partners</u></p> <p>The charity partnership between the school & Coop was discussed. With a new regional manager in place, it may be a good time to refresh the partnership, Linzi volunteered to have a chat with them. Also, Rosie Murby volunteered to talk to Tesco & Karin to Barrett Homes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Request for funding</u></p> <p>Foundation requested funding for: Scooters, 2 Balance bikes & 4 creepers. A few scooters have been donated, Foundation now have enough. They would still like 2 balance bikes & 4 creepers</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
8	<p><u>New Actions</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Stock Cupboard</u></p> <p>The stock cupboard needs a good sorting out & organising. Karin also suggested getting a stock book so that we can keep accurate, up to date records.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Faringdon supermarkets</u></p> <p>Lucy is going to talk with the supermarkets in Faringdon, with respect to getting blue tokens collected on the schools behalf. Any monies raised would then be put towards IT equipment for the school.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>BBQ</u></p> <p>Should we invest in one? Needs research, one suggestion is to ask the Public Purposes Charity for a donation towards one.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Nxt Mtg</p> <p>Nxt Mtg</p>
9	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
10	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Date for next meeting</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 18th April 2024 @ 7.30pm</p>	