

Friends of Leigh School(FOLS)  
**Meeting Minutes**

18<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Leigh on Mendip First School. 7.30pm

**Present** – Louise Neil, Belinda Davis, Emma Brooks, Clare Midgley Jewitt, Lizzie Yates, Lisa Glass, Emma Chapman, Louisa Phillips, Natalie Light, Sophie West

**Apologies** – Vikki Fear, Karren Smith, Clare Cockle, Mary Midgley

**Chairman's Opening Remarks:** LN welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their help at the disco.

**Minutes** – The minutes were signed as a true and correct record

**Treasurer's Reports -**

£4,506.21 Unallocated Funds

£362.97 was made at Halloween Disco which was lower than last year.

**Halloween Mufti** – raised £39.00

**Cash Donation** - £61.00

**Easy Fundraising** - £195.97 – share the link with the office to keep sharing on the newsletter and ensure they are also using it.

BD reported that EB, LN and CMJ going to be the new signatories which should be sorted this week.

**Review:-**

**Halloween Disco -**

The event wasn't as busy as previous years, it was agreed to possibly look at going back to a weekday for 2020, agreed to do it on the same day as they have mufti at school.

BD to put both the 2018 and 2019 breakdown sheets on the WhatsApp group so we can see where the differences were.

It was again agreed that it would be great to have an entertainer, as it is hard work for those doing the games.

**Fundraising/Events:-**

Christmas Hamper Raffle – LY had everything from Rosie and would spend the vouchers that had been spent to get items to make up the hampers. LY agreed to photograph and shared on FB the prizes.

Film Night/Elfridges (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December) -

Food/Shopping to be sorted by CMJ, she has spoken to Sainsbury's regarding getting cooked pizza from them, agreed to get two flavours. SW agreed to buy the popcorn and Cartons/bottles of drinks for approx 40 children. The sweets that were donated by Asda would also be used. EB said we have crisps in stock which can be sold.

Price/ticket – £5.00/child and £3.00 Owl babies (Parents must stay). LP agreed that a member of staff will stay on site.

It was agreed to start at 3.15pm with a 5.30pm finish.

Elfridges – Mary Midgley has been buying items through the year and will man the stall.

CMJ will organise the colouring table.

LY, LN, CMJ, LG can all help, it was agreed to meet at 3pm. CMJ will arrange the collection of pizza. Serve the popcorn in beakers.

It was agreed to give the children a vote out of a choice of three films, LP agreed to arrange.

It had been suggested that organising a toy swap would be a good idea. CMJ asked if we should consider running this alongside the film night in a different classroom. It was decided that it was too much to organise and that the 17<sup>th</sup> may be too late. It needs to be in November if doing next year.

LP said that she'd been thinking about asking the children to bring food in for a foodbank, however it was decided to do a toy collection on the first Monday of December. SW will take the toys to her work to be distributed to children in need in the local area.

**Gift Wrapping** – LP informed us that the staff have offered to do this so FOLS help won't be needed.

**Bag Collection** – Taking place this Thursday, if anyone sees bags outside houses please collect.

**Mulberry Donation** – We have had a lovely purse kindly donated from Mulberry. It was agreed to auction this off in a silent auction before Christmas. BD to run this through Facebook. Auction closes at midnight on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Tree Sale** – Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov & Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10-2pm

LP asked if FOLS would be able to offer Refreshments whilst people are waiting, something along the lines of non-alcoholic mulled wine and mince pies. It was agreed to ask on the WhatsApp group for volunteers to see how many people are available.

**Fete Update - 13<sup>th</sup> June** Fete 11am – 5pm

SW & NL reported that it had agreed that FOLS will continue to do the refreshments and the children will be asked to do Maypole dancing once again, the Owl Babies will continue with the bouncy castle and lucky dip.

### **School Requests:**

The following items were agreed:-

Eagle Class Play – Dragon Days £73.70, Audio CD & book

Brass Lessons – agreed to cover the summer term at £200

Christmas Lunch – around £100 + the crackers. BD agreed to price recyclable crackers or possibly make them.

Shed four – for the Owl Class at a cost of between £500 - £750

It was discussed that there are still funds to be spent and LP was encouraged to think about what she may like to spend it on. Books and musical Instruments are two areas that would benefit on some investment. LP was asked to get an idea of the cost for a music trolley so grants for match funding can be looked at.

LG informed us that Persimmon Homes has a generous community funding programme that is easily applied for.

NL said that the new community funding programme from the Quarry is near to beginning. LY to find paperwork and speak to Roger -EB has contacts. It was agreed we could ask for the £700 for the Owl shed and £1000 towards the music equipment.

Petty cash allowance per class – It was agreed to give the petty cash to the office for teachers to access for small items. BD to withdraw the £150 and receipt book to give to SC asap so it can be used this term. BD to speak to Margaret on how to show this in the books.

**Preschool communication/Welcome gift-**

Preschool have decided they don't want to give out bags etc. It was reported that the newsletters have been coming through with the FOLS news.

**Any Other Business** - None

**Date of Next Meeting** – Mon 13<sup>th</sup> January at Leigh on Mendip First School