

Friends of John Masefield : Meeting 1st November 2017

Present: Vicky Baker VB, Pippa Henry, Donald Henderson DH, Helen Henderson HH, Helen Smith HS, Feya Recordon FR, Kath Lipscombe KL

Apologies for absence: Sandra Dudley SD, Emma O'Boyle & Penny Seabourne-Williams

Minute taker: Helen Henderson

The last meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Projects:

Tesco Bags of Help scheme finishes tomorrow. We are hoping for the top award of £4,000, but will have to wait for notification. Waitrose Community will also finish; update 2/11/2017 we have been awarded £200 and representatives will be invited to tea to pick up the award.

Food room: Room 1 is complete, Friends will have donated £3,000. There is no phase 2 now but some additional finishing funding is required which Friends could fund, once we know the outcome of Tesco Bags of Help fundraising. Once this is done this fundraising project will be considered complete for FJMHS.

Books: Donations of books are required for the Head Girl's appeal and school library. All books needed in to form rooms by Friday. HH suggested all donated adult books could be donated to the Ledbury Library Support Group and in return they might donate any leftover children's book following the close of their sale. HH is happy to liaise with the LLSG.

Uniform: Uniform is clean and on the rail in the Men's toilets (bridge corridor). The online shop is nearly ready pending completion of PayPal set up. VB has tested the system and it works! Hoping to roll it out at next parents' evening/information evening.

Lottery: Going well thanks to Catherine Walker. CW is also updating Ryver with progress, sales etc. Thanks to Olly Smith & Jack Cambridge for a leaflet drop to promote this. The lottery has also been promoted on Facebook and in the Ledbury Reporter and the first draw will take place soon.

Carol concert:

The following action items were decided in relation to offering refreshments at the school carol concert Monday 18th December (Sam Goldup is happy we offer this service and funds will go to performing arts):

- SD to arrange licence
- VB to liaise with Pixley Berries to supply donated cordial
- HH to book glasses from Tesco, organise sale or return wine, milk & brownie trays & contact St Michaels' to check they are OK with our plans

- KL & HS will provide disposable glasses, bin bags napkins & source mince pies
- DH will check availability of stills and hotplate (if hot plate available we will serve hot savoury pastries also). Will also check tea & coffee supplies and teaspoons
- Staffing on the night provisionally HH, DH, KL, VB TBC, FR TBC, SD. Set up 6 for 6.30 & serving until 7. Need to send email out to advertise. Donald to also check tea and coffee

New Projects

VB researching How to parent teens workshop with Judy Reith from Cambridge - <http://www.parentingpeople.co.uk/> £600 + travel and expenses. Need to check references, research the best days/times/duration. HS to check if there are any other local speakers available

FR to investigate cool alarm clocks to ensure JMSH students sleep well and get up on time! Clocks will be bulk ordered to order and sold on at a profit, all profits to FJMHS.

Spending

£3,000 allocated to Food Room project. £1,500 can be paid now, balance once we have funds in from Tesco/Waitrose. £250 to go to Rock Challenge ring fenced from the Bingo Night fundraiser. The current list of requests from Andy Evan was reviewed. FR suggested we could ask local technology companies to support. VB will request via future communications to parents. FR will coordinate requests for donations from S&T companies. Any suggestions for target organisations to FR please.

Small projects funding - VB has created a form to add to FJMHS website and friends section of school website to allow students and staff to make direct applications for small projects.

It was decided not to fund ongoing costs for clubs or for general Arts funding, though VB will contact Julie Kyle to see if there are specific projects we could fund for Performing Arts from the Coop community funding we have already bid for. We have not had a final decision on the Coop application but VB and HH will liaise with Coop to adjust the application once we have decided which project we could fund now we do not have the second food room to furnish. FR suggested the school could charge for clubs and FJMHS could fund children who could not afford the charge. It was felt the school might not support this and it might discourage participation. It was decided FJMHS will fund badminton and table tennis equipment.

VB to poll parents and students on what they would like to fund.

Next meeting Thursday 25th January (earlier Thursday dates have parents' evenings)