

## **Friends of John Masefield High School: Annual General Meeting 19th September 2018**

**Present:** Vicky Baker, Donald Henderson, Helen Henderson, Maria Burgess, Feya Recordon, Sandra Dudley, Laurence Brown, Rainey Provins, Justine Peberdy, Tina Pratt, Pippa Henry

### **Chair's Report**

Vicky Baker gave an excellent report on the previous year's activity which was well received by all:

Friends has had a good year of supporting school in a variety of ways, including financially.

The recycled uniform service is running well. Parents are donating, student services and FJMHS are sorting and cleaning and then parents are buying, mostly from the rail wheeled out at school evening events, and on line when their purchases are personally labelled and await their collection in school reception. A big thank you for making this work goes to the Helen and Donald Henderson team, who run a smooth operation involving school and parent liaison, storage, IT and laundry.

FJMHS has been warmly welcomed 4 times this year whilst smiling behind the bar, the tea pot and the ice cream cool box at various events – the School Production, the Christmas Concert in church (such expert just-in-time mulled wine delivery skills) and the Summer, heat-wave-enjoying, Concert.

Ledbury Celebration Day organisers, and car owners, were grateful we were around to marshal car parking in the school on a hot Saturday in July.

Regarding financial support, I am particularly pleased that we have been able to provide cash for purchases in a variety of school departments this year. Friends supported the refurbishment of the Food Technology Department (and our support unlocked significant funds from other organisations); we funded new badminton, table tennis and hockey equipment in PE: improved physics practical kit in Science and helped with costs of events organised by the Performing Arts department.

FJMHS has received income this year from refreshment sales, car parking, uniform sales, supermarket schemes, and donations. However, our best source of income since its launch in November 2017 has been the School Lottery. Parents, staff and perhaps neighbours and friends as well, have bought 100 or so tickets generating £1700! A project worth spending time promoting well.

We are also still currently one of three charities being supported by Co-op Ledbury raising funds for capital spending in the Performing Arts department. Keep on shopping there! There will be Payout Celebration Day in store on November 24th.

Thank you to those who have so solidly supported Friends in the last 18 months, on the committee and at events. In particular my thanks go to Donald, Helen and Sandra.

With a strong infrastructure (website, newsletter, bank account, HMRC etc) and good, budding relationships within school and the Ledbury community FJMHS could make a significant difference to school life for our children and their families. Looking forward to supporting you all, and the new committee, in the coming 40th Anniversary year.

## Treasurer's Report

Sandra Dudley circulated details of the last year's accounts which were also well received:

### Friends of JMHS Accounts September 2017 to August 2018

#### Income and expenditure

**Opening Balance** **£3,019.28**

Money from Donate button £129.62

Money from School Lottery £1,721.20  
Minus Licence renewal -£20.00 £1,701.20

Money from School of Rock £434.00

Money paid to School:-

- Dynakars -£500.00  
- Table tennis Equipment -£500.00  
' - Drama department (School of Rock) -£434.00  
- Food Room Upgrade -£3,000.00 **£4,434.00**

Cash from dance showcase £23.35

Xms concert and dance s/c:-

Money paid in £286.00  
Food and drink expenses -£60.20  
TEN's -£21.00 £204.80

Money from Tesco (Due in 15/01) £1,000.00

PTA Insurance -£122.00

Money from Coop (For Performing Arts) £1,007.31

Money from Waitrose £200.00

Summer Concert:-

Money paid in £155.00  
TENs -£21.00 £134.00

Money From Car Parking £219.60

Money from Uniform sales £48.30

**Closing Balance** **£3,565.46**

Sandra concluded by offering her thanks to Vicky for her work over the last year and added after transferring coop funds to Performing Arts and taking into account other expenses, c. £1,500 would remain on account, with further funds due from coop, also to be transferred to Performing Arts.

Vicky thanked Sandra for her report.

### **Election of officers**

Laurence Brown was nominated Chair.

Rainey Provins and Maria Burgess were nominated as Co Vice Chair.

All present were in agreement with the nominations and Laurence, Rainey and Maria duly elected. The new Officers would provide a great opportunity for fresh ideas to build on the work already done. Helen Henderson, Sandra Dudley & Donald Henderson were unanimously re-elected in their roles as Secretary, Treasurer and Trustee respectively.

### **AOB**

Vicky advised that Andy Evans, Headmaster, had asked for a meeting with Friends 9.00 on 24<sup>th</sup> September and suggested she, Laurence, Rainey and Maria meet to conduct a handover and prepare for the meeting on Monday. A meeting was provisionally set for 20<sup>th</sup> September at 14.15. Donald would be asked to book a Conference Room and the group would meet in reception.

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The Meeting Minutes from the last Friends meeting on 21st May 2018 were circulated and agreed.

Feya Recordon updated on her proposals for a TED type JED talk and was continuing to discuss with Catherine & Mark Walker. She was investigating possibly using a local couple who have cycled around the world for potentially an early evening talk. Laurence suggested TEDx talks maybe provided by staff with interesting ideas and experiences to share. He also suggested a school YouTube channel, though Donald explained pupils do not currently have access to YouTube in school.

Pippa Henry suggested it would be good to get a date in a diary for a first term event. Feya suggested comedy and curry. Another alternative discussed was a Quiz Night as before in the Spring Term; we already have a good quiz master identified from last time. It was suggested that Year Group parent reps might be good to encourage support from across the school.

It was generally agreed that if nothing could be put into place in time for this term, we should provide refreshments for the Carol Concert as last year and maybe plan a quiz night in spring. The JED talk could be included whenever Feya felt we were ready to go ahead with it.

Next meeting TBA – Helen suggests Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October and requests feedback on availability for this date from all.