

Friends of John Masefield High School meeting: 30th January 2019

Present: Laurence Brown (LB), Vicky Baker (VB) Sandra Dudley (SD) Donald Henderson(DH), Helen Henderson (HH), Rainey Provins (RP)

Agenda items:

- Charity Commission return due 31st January
- Any feedback from Julie's meeting with Andy Collard?
- Lottery expansion, to move onward and upward on the 19% take-up
- Any news on funding applications the school have made?
- Julie's priority list, radio mikes
- Coop monies - needs committee decision
- 40th anniversary logo - as per Vicky's V1th Form show program?
- Merchandising suggestion
- BT Donate and Virgin Money Giving website?
- Tesco's money, allocation?
- Blacksmith artwork funding?
- Up and coming events.

Lottery

Catherine Walker has received an email from the School Lottery Organisers to say we can have additional logins to access our account, which everyone agreed would be useful. Nineteen percent of parents are signed up for the lottery. LB asked everyone to think of ways to expand the scheme.

Performing Arts funding

Julie Kyle has specific ideas of how funds generated through Coop and any further FJMHS fundraising initiatives e.g. 40th Anniversary could be used. LB is to attend a line-in meeting with Andy Collard and Julie to discuss. Julie has been costing our radio mics and also looking at lighting desks, rigs and access equipment. FJMHS would be happy to support specific projects which are current or future requirements. All agreed they did not want funds raised to go into general pots for school activities and in the case of funding from a third party e.g. Coop, we need to be able to demonstrate exactly what the funds have been used for. Re. Coop funding JMHS Finance need to invoice FJMHS for funding for specific items. Funds can be supplied against future purchases as long as firm quotes are provided and receipts afterwards if required. Update LB will be meeting Andy Collard and Julie Kyle Friday at 10.30.

Funding Applications

LB has sent a list of potential sources of funding to Wendy Bradbeer, but has not received any feedback so far

Blacksmith Project

There is a scheme in school to engage with pupils who are struggling. They will work with a blacksmith to create a piece of artwork to commemorate the School's 40th Anniversary. All agreed this was a worthwhile cause and FJMHS could allocate £500 from funds to support. LB to check with Andy Evans that he is happy we allocated resources to this project and there are no other projects he feels are more appropriate for us to support.

40th Anniversary

There is a logo, but we are not aware of a specific project team or plan within JMHS. Andy Evans mentioned at the School Carol Concert that FJMHS would be helping to raise £90k of extra funding, but it wasn't clear how much of it FJMHS was expected to raise.

BT MyDonate

BT MyDonate is to close. DH and SD will arrange to transfer fundraising buttons to Virgin and post as many places as possible.

Sound of Music

HH to contact Julie Kyle and Sam Goldup to see what the requirements are for support for the forthcoming Sound of Music performances. It was suggested a bar would be a good idea and SD offered to apply for a licence if needed. LB suggested we look at ways to increase revenue from refreshment sales.

It was confirmed £350 was raised from refreshments sales at the Carol Concert so worth doing.

HH advised that Tescos are no longer supplying free hire glasses. LB suggested we look into purchasing our own stock of glasses (or sturdy plastic alternatives) and mugs.

Next meeting

Suggested for 27th February 6.45pm in the Community Lounge. VB suggested we do more to promote the next meeting and HH remind for the need to check dates and times ahead of time with Wendy Bradbeer and Halo.