

## **Friends of John Masefield High School meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Present:** Laurence Brown (LB), Vicky Baker (VB), Sandra Dudley (SD,) Donald Henderson(DH), Helen Henderson (HH), Pippa Henry (PH)

### **Active members**

LB brought a list of active members. There was discussion around numbers of members on list. It was though LB had a short list of more active members; the actual list being longer. Nonetheless it was concluded more active members are needed.

LB asked whether Friends meeting need to be monthly. HH pointed out that though we had met monthly over the last few months, typically meetings took place when they were needed rather than every month.

LB proposed he could work with JMHS a couple of days a week to work on fundraising. LB plans to meet with Andy Evans to discuss this and ways FJMHS could work more closely with the school.

HH announced her resignation as Secretary. LB felt he would be able to take notes and was planning to ask JMHS whether they would be able to provide any administrative support.

### **Sound of music**

Logistics for refreshments for the forthcoming school production – Sound of Music were discussed. LB will organise hire glasses from Waitrose (Tesco no longer supply): 75 wine glasses; 50 highballs. HH to send LB contact at Waitrose. DH to organise the still from the school kitchen. SD had not secured a licence for all performances but would apply for an emergency licence ASAP (later confirming we had obtained licences). HH to mail for help though a parentpay email via Wendy Bradbeer, to supporters on our mailing list via mailchimp and a reminder to Sixth Formers via Mark Hawksworth (as no volunteers from an earlier mailing to Sixth Formers). PH can help Saturday Evening, LB, HH & DH all performances, VB Friday (also Saturday if short). Izzy Baker can help with ice creams as usual.

Refreshments will be sold 30 minutes before the start of the performance and during the 20-minute interval for Friday and Saturday evening and the Saturday matinee.

We can order supplies via the Tesco school account but not alcohol. HH to send details of prices/margins to LB

LB to work with Feya Recordon to organise a raffle. After the meeting, PH advised Feya would be away in the run up to the show and the idea was postponed. However, Feya can lend mugs.

VB, HH, PH & SD can bake cakes

Plan to sell hot drinks, soft drinks, beer, wine and cider, crisps, cake. DH to check tea and coffee supplies. We will also put out the second-hand uniform rail.

### **Lottery**

VB will send LB login

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

LB presented some logo ideas and received feedback. In general, well received, though SD advised it was best not to modify an existing brand logo. LB would submit his logos to AE to put it into the mix.

**Feedback on January minutes**

LB and HH gave feedback from Andy Evans on January's minutes. He confirmed he would prefer Friends money not to be allocated to the blacksmith project as this already had a likely source of funding and instead would like the focus of fundraising to be Performing Arts.

**Fund raising car parking**

Car parking may not be worth doing this year for town day as the high street is not being closed. We can make parking available; if we have staff we can collect donations if not just open the car park FOC. Need to check with school first.

**Next meeting**

No date was fixed.