

F.O.E.S
Friends of Earith School
C/O Earith Primary School
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PE28 3QB
Meeting Minutes AGM 26th November 2021
Registered Charity Number: 1035875

Attendees: Amy Strong, Teresa Kell, Kerry Hutchins, Laura Dartford, Phil Mudge, Dan Wilderspin.

Apologies: Kelly Swales, Lizzy Dowell-McGrillan, Louise Miceili, Tom Abbs.

Chairperson's Report (AS) – Thanked the committee for a successful year and raising a good sum of money despite covid restrictions. Not being able to hold our usual events has meant we have had to be more resourceful and find new ways to raise money as well as focus on our big money makers such as the raffles. We have had successful grant applications as well as donations from local groups such as the community café. The school lottery has also been a success and is bringing in a steady stream of funding. Special thanks to Laura for her amazing work on the summer raffle, Stacey for securing donations of selection boxes and easter eggs each year and Kerry for successfully signing us up to gift aid and managing the finances.

This year we have been able to help fund outdoor learning resources, the free chimes and playtime equipment as well as our regular donations towards Christmas crackers, book bags and small treats throughout the year. We also have nearly got enough money to help fund the outdoor gym and the current crowdfunding campaign looks set to help us reach this target.

AS will be stepping down as chair this year but would like to thank the committee for their support over the last 3 years.

Treasurer's Report (KH) - Detailed report distributed. Current balance £3779.16 as of 30/09/2021

FOES bank balance as of 30/09/2021	£3779.16
FOES bank balance as of 08/10/2020	£3549.45
FOES Petty Cash Balance	£223.80

Events and Income	
Xmas raffle	£558.90
Donation from community café	£713.80
Donations for Xmas Class Parties	£81.79
Name the kitty toy	£28.00
Tea towels profit	£145.00
Amazon donations	£31.57
Non-uniform days	£173.41
Lottery	£397.40
Book bag contributions	£9.00
Summer raffle	£547.00
Asda Grant	£362.00
HMRC small donations gift aid claims	£63.80
Total	£3111.67

Payments	
Gambling Licence	£20.00
Parentkind	£105.00
Bank Charges	£96.00
Total	£221.00

Purchased	
Tea towels	£258.90
Crafts for Xmas parties	£58.63
Book bags	£82.50
Raffle hampers	£25.99
Wrapping paper	£10.00
Class resources (building blocks, scooters, outdoor reading shed, chalk board etc)	£1763.71
Ice creams x2	£20.81
Outdoor music equipment	£900.00
Crackers	£23.92
Prizes	£10.00
Total	£3154.46

Head Teacher's Comments (TA)-

Please accept my apologies for not being able to be with you tonight. .

I have worked at several schools but never lucky enough to work alongside such a hardworking, pro-active and above all, effective PTA.

What would I want from a FOES member?

FOES (Friends of Earith School) should be exactly that. As a member, you are supportive of the school's work; believe in our ethos and values (see website) and above all our vision:

To be an inspirational school, providing children with the best learning experience it can offer. This experience will be achieved through a high-quality curriculum, including the very best quality of teaching and learning/education; effective leadership; excellent pupil and adult relationships; grounded in pastoral and inclusive practices and with access to an ambitious provision that supports the pupils' social, emotional and physical wellbeing.

Funding

Being a small school, we have only a small budget. COVID has taught FOES to operate in different, strategical ways, bringing in vital funds to the school which have been used in the past year or so for many extras we previously wouldn't be able to afford:

Part cost towards the Outdoor Music Chimes; water and sand trays, Mobilo sets, building blocks, outdoor shed, scooters & chalk board and most recently, our new goals and football resources to name but a few. We have nearly raised enough capital to buy and outdoor gym.

School Development Plan

FOES have always viewed their role as raising funds to purchase things which will, primarily benefit all and preferably, have lasting impact – not to mention all the little extra treats. I agree with this

and believe if we are to do something, we buy good quality and we do it well. Previously funded projects with lasting legacy from FOES:

-Basketball Nets

-Football Goals

-Trim Trail

-Freechimes

-Hopefully by the summer: outdoor gym.

Part of the school development plan is to maximise the use of our wonderful grounds, so what's next?

I already have plans for part of the woodland area: to complement this, when surveyed and more recently with the core value council, children would love an outdoor wooden classroom/structure or 'snug' that would allow them to quietly read during lunchtimes, colour, draw and support greater outdoor learning opportunities across lesson time/ the curriculum. This would have lasting legacy at our school and be something wonderful to aim for.

Thank you for your time and thank you FOES – we are very lucky to have you.

Committee Members

The existing members stepped down and the roles were filled:

- Chair – Dan Wilderspin
- Treasurer – Phil Mudge
- Secretary – Laura Dartford
- Other members: Amy Strong, Kerry Hutchins, Teresa Kell, Kelly Swales, Louise Miceli and Lizzie Dowell-McGrillan.
- Constitution was signed by all members

Future Spending

Current balance £3779.16. TA has successfully secured some funding for an outdoor gym. After the current crowdfunding page has closed the committee have agreed to donate the rest of the money needed for this project. A small amount needs to be kept in the bank to cover regular payments such as insurance and banking charges.

Future Fundraising

Currently no events can be held at the school due to covid restrictions.

Visit from Santa- Fri 17th Dec

- Children to wear fancy dress
- Suggested £2 donation
- Visit from Santa with gift for each child

Christmas Raffle

- Committee to approach local businesses for donations- hampers and vouchers
- AS to do tickets
- Mr Abbs to draw raffle and record this on Thurs 16th Dec

Sponsored event

- Aim to run a sponsored event in the new year- TK to see if Tracey would run Zumba again

Aim to have quiz night and disco when restrictions allow

AOB

- During December our school will be one of the charities for Asda Cambridges Green token scheme- AS to send out details on 1st Dec

Next meeting

Next meeting to be held after Christmas. Date and venue to be confirmed.