

MINUTES

Friends of Fountains



AGM 2020

06/10/2020, 8pm, Via Zoom | Meeting called to order by The Committee

In Attendance

Caroline Topham - Chair, Jess Jarman -Treasurer, Debs Donaldson – Secretary, Lucy Gratton, Libbie Davies, Jo Martin, Camilla Charlton, Katie Harrison, Rachel Bullock, Pam Acheson, Hannah (Chair of Friends of Grewelthorpe School).

Apologies

Holly Simpson

Approval of Minutes

The previous AGM minutes had been emailed to committee in advance from the previous meeting and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jess Jarman

Opening balance - £7336.37

Income - £16.61

Expenditure - £0p

Closing balance - £7352.98

Pam Acheson's Report

- Governors had a meeting during the summer to discuss the five-year plan to strengthen the federation through collaboration, looking at the environment and ensuring that government agendas are followed.
- Last year, the focus was reading and hence the financial support by Friends of Fountains to purchase the Accelerated Reader scheme. The impact has been massive. Now it needs embedding and monitoring.
- Mastery in maths is a new focus. Previously the No Problem Maths scheme was implemented.
- The curriculum needs to be broad and balanced with a depth of learning across all subjects. It is not about data but rather enrichment and engagement. Subject leaders across both schools.
- There are five elements to the plan. Head teacher is held to account annually.

Chair asked what Friends could do to enhance the school's plans.

Action - Pam

To link in with the School Council to canvass ideas from the children. The Representatives from each class would provide the link for the ideas and feedback to Friends.

10K run 2021

- Mark is keen to step down. No volunteer within Fountains to be Race Director.
- Discussion about whether the fees paid should be refunded or transferred to an event that may or not happen.
- Lucy suggested publishing a job description to make the role clearer.
- Rachel queried whether it needed to be organized by just one individual.
- Hannah asked how it differed from being a coordinator of an event, designating jobs to others and overseeing.
- Rachel suggested that running the event and dealing with the sponsorship were two different jobs.
- Hannah talked about the Cycle Cross Race and the way in which it was organized. Smaller event but same principles.
- Pam assured that Mark is happy to support anyone happy to take on the Director role. Outlined discussions with other schools.
- Jo suggested that people who signed up could be offered a refund or given option to donate.
- Libbie explained that the Great North Run refunded and gave priority to those people for the next year.

Agreed by all that all entrants should be refunded, with option to donate, and given priority in 2021 if the event takes place.

- Hannah offered to take the role as Race Director. Experienced in organizing events and would seek Mark's assistance. She pointed out that this would make it a joint event and thus money raised would be split between the two schools. A joint event would mean that there would be a bigger pool of volunteers.
- Lucy offered to have a role within the organization of the event.

Action – Hannah

To link in with Mark and arrange a meeting regarding the 2021 event.

Christmas fundraising

Chair threw it open for ideas.

- Family Zoom quiz
- Online raffle
- Donated gifts in a shop that children can buy for a relative/other
- Christmas carol CD with each class performing and children designing the cover in a competition.
- 2021 calendar
- Christmas cards, tea towels, etc (All my own work?)
- Sponsored silence or other similar
- Santa dash
- Christmas movie night for each class

Action – Pam

To liaise with Year 6 children to see what they may wish to do instead of the Christmas fair.

AOB

No other matters raised.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th November, 8pm via Zoom