

FOMPS AGM MINUTES 17.09.2020, 6:30pm

Held Virtually via Zoom

Present:

Lorna Friis, Jo Parsons, Penny Needham, Helen Smart, Steve Rafferty, Laura Blackett, Emma Claridge, Fi Gout, Katerina Butler, Becky Waite

Apologies:

Sarah Quarrell, Emma Slade, Jo Lennon, Melissa and Ian Fry

Introductions:

Welcome to Fi, a new parent of a child in Rabbits class

Chair's Report

We had a successful first half of the year prior to covid-19 hitting, FOMPS achieved charity status, which was a huge undertaking and means that we can access additional funding. We have committed to supporting the amphitheatre and art installations and funds have been allocated to this leaving approx £8,000 in the bank.

Due to Covid many events had to be cancelled last year and time pressures and safety concerns meant we were unable to schedule anything new in to keep the community going. However, I know many of you stepped up in other capacities to support the community through lockdown, which is obviously still a concern and clearly a challenge for many people. Not all of the normal events can be run, so we will need to adapt and be more innovative in our ideas, doing things differently until relative normality returns.

Headteacher comments

- Hoping to go ahead with the art installation which had been planned for 3 days before lockdown, this has been jointly funded through FOMPS, Boroughlands and Wiltshire Art project. All children at school will be involved as well as parents.
- Amphitheatre update – contractor has had issues sourcing materials, but hoping to go ahead in October half term.
- Bird chart and cycle storage has gone in.
- The school is currently having to fund additional costs due to covid measures, which was initially thought to have been funded by DfE. However, the DfE is providing additional funding via it's 'catch up fund' allocated specifically to learning only.
- Things will have to happen very differently this year, but a community project that all children can be involved with will be invaluable.
- Voting on purchases as follows:
 - Grass mats to aid flow through school grounds (£600) – all in favour
 - Electric piano to be wheeled into classes (£500) – all in favour
 - 5 Lunch trolleys to replace the existing vintage ones (£150 each) – all in favour

Treasurer's report:

The big fundraiser last year was the Christmas fair, raising a total of £2,330 on the night, and which was an incredible success. The sale of tea towels designed by FS, KS1 and KS2 children last December were included in the takings. Not yet added to the accounts, is the £80 in donations collected by

Cousin Norman's for their Monkton Park School uniform swap-shop, which we have just had confirmed.

Despite a year of very little fundraising, FOMPS still managed to raise £4,354 last year. Well done and thank you everyone.

FOMPS Annual Accounts 2019/20	
Opening bank Balance	£ 12,131.52
Credits	Total Profit
Giving Machine	£ 110.63
World Book Day	
Easter Challenge	
Uniform Sales	£ 14.50
Christmas Cards	
Disco Valentines	£ 501.44
Disco Autumn	£ 650.91
Christmas Fair	£ 2,770.71
The Scarecrow Trail	£ 275.00
Montkfest	£ -
Other Bank	£ 10.86
Party packs	£ 20.00
Grants	
Total Credits	£ 4,354.05
Debits	
Outdoor Bird Panel	£ 1,040.00
Christmas Tree	£ 50.00
Christmas Dinner Crackers	£ 96.00
Scooter Park	£ 888.20
Insurance	£ 110.00
Young Voices	£ 250.00
Total Debits	£ 2,434.20
Closing bank Balance	£ 14,051.37

Elections:

Committee Members

- Chairperson - Emma Claridge interested with support – all in favour
- Secretary – Jo keen to step down, Lorna happy to move into position – all in favour
- Treasurer – Becky happy to continue – all in favour

Trustees

Lorna, Becky, Sarah Quarrell and Emma will continue, Katerina Butler to take over from Jo – all in favour

Ideas for the year ahead

Next year, despite continued concerns and event/gathering restrictions in place, I believe with a little more planning, FOMPS can hold a number of events, which will help the school and community to stick together to build some fun and excitement into the lives of our children.

Restrictions we should consider when planning events:

- No parents on school site for lengthy period of time.
- Restrict events requiring catering or long periods when individuals or families will be in close proximity.
- Passing money and information (leaflets) in and out of school should be reduced as much as possible.

Fundraising suggestions:

Scarecrow trail to go ahead as can be socially distanced, suggested spreading out over 2 weekends (potentially 8/5/21 – 16/5/21). Need to check if Laura B is still happy to lead.

Discussed tea towels / Christmas cards (Katerina) / fab-bricks. Steve R happy for children to complete in the classroom. Penny / Helen also discussed cards for local community that we could sell – local artist is willing to design something for us.

Christmas – no Christmas fair this year, but could still go ahead with grand raffle. Steve to investigate filming of Christmas performances. Christmas driveway fair weekend.

Mufti day / class party / bubble specific silent disco

Online quiz, Community Film night in.

Re-advertising needed for setting Monkton Park School as your charity of choice for fundraising through [Giving Machine](#) and [Easyfundraising](#) when shopping online.

If you are interested in helping out please get in touch with FOMPS via FOMPSpta@gmail.com through our Facebook page or find one of us in the playground. We have set up a sign-up sheet for you to register your interest and one of us will get in touch to talk you through what might be involved.

Volunteer signup sheet set up: volunteersignup.org/WD7AB

Next meeting:

Wednesday 15th October 2020, virtual.

Actions:

Lorna to set up sign-up sheet to get event planning underway – Done
Emma to confirm date of Scarecrow trail with Mr Rafferty