

Minutes of the Friends Of Banwell Primary School AGM held on Friday 3rd November 2017,

In the Old School Hall at 2:30pm

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jules Phythian welcomed everyone to the AGM, thanked everyone for coming and read out the apologies.

Attendees

Jules Phythian, Anita Buncher, Kim Sainsbury, Claire Pocock, Jo Arnold, Michelle Campbell, Bethan Ball, Samantha Goodland, James Richardson, Loxi Beacham, Shelly Allan, Rowan Deacon, Jane Watson, Louise Whitehead, Rachel Siaens, Ingrid Loh, Julia Jones, Linzi Moore, Liz Norton.

Apologies

Helen Shephard, Debbie Mitchell, Hannah Gurney, Miranda Kellett, Lucy Rackett, Emma Allen, Clare Pole, Naomi Cork.

Past Events Update

Jules Phythian told the meeting about the monies raised from past events and about the support received from local businesses, including £500 from Banwell Co-Op, £300 from Michelangelos, a Family Pass for 5 people from Mendip Activity Centre, a Membership pass from Cadbury Spa, a large floral bouquet from The Secret Garden Florist in Axbridge and Arts and Crafts Materials from Naomi Cork.

Treasurers' Report

Jules Phythian explained the profits from the main events including: £142.08 from Mothers' Day Events, £155.80 from Sweet Treat Fridays, £287.22 from Easter Events inc. non uniform day, £21.50 from a clothes sale, £2077.55 from Lucie Weston's Prague Marathon, £108.50 from Duck Race Ticket Sales (percentage), £125.00 from Fathers' Day events inc. Prize Draw, £31.30 from Carnival Olympics tuck sales, £18 from the Jumble Trail, £58 from the Cadbury Spa Membership raffle, £409.23 from the School's Out Disco and a sweet sale on the last day of term before the summer holidays which raised £45.10, making the total profits from the main fundraising events £4,655.76.

Jules then went on to explain the main payments which the Friends have made this year including: £101.00 for PTA Membership inc. Insurance, £20.00 for the Gambling License, £54.02 for Golden Card Parties, £33.21 for the Musician of the Year Awards, £260.50 for Year 6 Leavers Bears, and £15.35 for Stationery, making the total main outgoing payments £484.08. £5500.00 was also given to the school for a one off project to buy laptops for children to use.

Therefore the balances at August 31st 2017 are bank balance of £2844.96 and petty cash of £194.89 making a total of £3039.85.

Future Fundraising Aims

Anita Buncher explained that this year, the Friends are delighted to be participating in The Christmas Card Project with Art Projects For Schools. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase Christmas cards, wrapping paper and gift tags featuring their child's own artwork. She explained that the children will create their designs at school and once processed by APFS they will be sent home for parents to order the products online if they wish. For every order made the Friends will get a percentage back.

Jules Phythian told the meeting about The Big PTA Raffle that the Friends are holding throughout November with fantastic prizes and encouraged everyone to buy tickets. The Friends get back 75% of the ticket sales.

She also said that Sweet Treat Fridays will continue on the 1st Friday of every month after school on the playground.

Christmas Fair

This year the Banwell Community Christmas Fair will be on Friday 8th December from 4:30-6:45. Jules Phythian was keen to emphasise that the focus is now on this being a real community event for the whole village to get involved in and enjoy. There will be a bar, food, a secret room, a grotto and games. Tables are available for £10. The possibility of a choir, possibly arranged by Miss Rose in school, to perform at the fair was discussed and Anita Buncher expressed an interest in having a band. It was said that donations of wine, mens/womens gifts and helpers are required.

It was confirmed that the Friends are responsible for putting up the school's Christmas tree and Shelly Allan and Loxi Beacham kindly offered to do this on Monday 4th December.

Other Upcoming Events

Anita Buncher explained that holding a Colours Fashion Show would be a good fundraiser and that the Friends would benefit from ticket sales and refreshment sales.

A Quiz and curry night is planned for next year, possibly around March.

Plans for a pop up circus, possibly on the school field, were discussed with funds raised from ticket sales.

Any Other Business

Shelly Allan suggested that a ladies night event would be an excellent opportunity to raise funds for the school and that another local school ran a similar successful event recently, which included make up stalls and tutorials.

Closing Remarks

Claire Pocock thanked the Friends team for their hard work.

Jo Arnold reminded everyone that the next Coffee and Cake morning will be held on Thursday 9th November.

Jules Phythian thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was closed.

