

Caroline Chisholm Friends

AGM

12 October 2020

Attendees

Nicky Rayfield
Joy Jones
Sarah Bourne
Alison Smith
Rosie Turner
Carolyn Spratling
Kimberley Stock
Judith Staff
Katherine Patterson

Apologies

Caroline Hayle
Sarah Grant
Kevin Richardson
Gary Wakefield
Lindsay Plantin

Chairs Report

Sarah Bourne provided her Chair report:

What really resonated was what we have achieved this year. Prior to the pandemic we had some really good initiatives and the Christmas raffle, we did a lot.

We've funded treadmills, sofas, Y6 celebrations, forest school equipment, to name a few.

Really proud of the comeback since and during lockdown, i.e. Recipe Book. One of the winners, was absolutely chuffed and his parents also. SB had the privilege of awarding his prize and took pride in that.

Proud that we are building on Friends comms; more comms using better imagery.

Really proud of the virtual welcome. Lots of work was put into that.

As a committee we've stepped up and getting more things online to cope with the pandemic and its changes.

Personal thanks to everyone on the committee. Taking over as Chair was worried about feeling alone but hasn't as can turn to anyone.

Everyone brings something to the team, and we have a challenging time ahead of us.

Principal Report/ School Comment

Katherine Patterson, Vice Principal was in attendance as representative of the school and shared the following:

CCS is a "people place" and we are amazed at the levels of commitment, determination and wanting to make a difference to the school community that the Friends Association bring.

A real difference has been made recently in working together as one school with CCSF; Fundraising activities which bring the whole school together and reinforcing the all-through ethos.

Leadership team and staff are aware of the challenges CCSF are facing and reinforcing "where there's a will, there's a way".

At the whole school briefing on Monday morning (12th October), KP shared that the Friends meeting was tonight and explained that the committee are a dedicated group of parents who want the best for us, everyone and reminding staff to please support Friends in their fundraising challenges, even if they are not that visible.

Thanked the committee, everyone involved, and looking forward to getting creative and doing things differently/digitally.

Treasurers Report/Financial Review

Cash in bank is very depleted compared to previous years, but this is what we wanted to achieve, as we felt our surplus was too much for previous years.

Income was £9600 with Expenditure at £8600.

Funding has been greatly affected this year as we missed out on at least 3 cake sales and the uniform sale.

The Christmas raffle was our biggest earner, followed by the Discos.

Over £5000 worth of items donated to school; books for KS2, props for play, sofas, garden beds, waterproof suits, smart spot rewards, bug club subscription, Y6 silent disco and leavers celebration and gym maintenance.

We have £4000 in the bank but we need to ringfence 50% of that for annual commitments.

Minutes of the last AGM

Minutes of the last AGM confirmed as a true record.

Election of Committee Members:

Officer roles; Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

For the next 12 months, the roles are confirmed as follows:

Chair – Sarah Bourne

Vice Chair – Kimberley Stock

Secretary – Joy Jones

Treasurer – Angelina Wilding, support from Rosie

Voting members confirmed as: Katherine Patterson (as Trustee for Charities Commission) and Rosie Turner.

Non-voting committee Members confirmed as SG, AS, NR, LP, CH.

This means that the charity operates as within the correct quorum guidelines, set out in the Constitution.

Kevin Richardson has stepped down from the committee.

Funding Objectives

Key thing is communication and how to get the right message out at the right time.

How can we think differently in how to raise funds?

Can we have targeted fundraising? We have a donation facility, but it would be good to have the story of what we need to raise funds for. Are there things that the children would specifically like?

Ideas could include digital online, outdoor shelter for primary. KP to take to leadership team to see what is required.

Meeting commenced: 19:15

Meeting Closed: 20:00