

**Minutes of FOPS AGM Meeting
Monday 13th October 2008, 9.a.m.**

Present: Sam Webb (Chair) Kath Greenway
 Emma Bibb Sarah Wisdom
 Deborah McIntyre-Duane Simon Guilfoyle
 Charlotte Kevan Kirston Stepney
 Beverly Holcroft (Secretary) Usha Sharma

Chairman's Report

Sam thanked all members of FOPS who had helped over the last year which had flown by so quickly.

The main role of the PTA is fund raising on behalf of the school. We raise money for non-budget items or to assist with their payment. In the year 2007-08 we raised money for the picnic tables and the bench planters for the pond area. We have also bought ourselves two notice boards to be sited by the playground doors which should make notifying parents of activities much easier. There is still money in the kitty which has been provisionally earmarked for the pond overhaul later in the year.

Discos - These always prove a success and we gain most of our new members through parents helping with these.

Cake Sales - Although the introduction of Health and Safety legislation made it a bit more difficult for us, everyone coped brilliantly and proved it was still worthwhile doing them.

Film Night - After a few trial and error sessions we have found a method that pleases the kids and helpers alike. Again, a popular fund raiser.

Christmas Tombola - After discovering that a raffle every performance night does not work, this year we ran a tombola with the children bringing in a gift on a mufti day. This raised lots of money for not a lot of effort!

Summer Fair - A lot of planning and hard work went into organising this event and everyone involved is to be congratulated on another successful afternoon.

Circus - A new troupe with, initially, a few teething troubles but the kids loved it! They were our focus as Yr R have the circus as their topic this term (more later).

Legoland - This proved to be a success again this year because Legoland gave us a better deal on the tickets so we could lower the ticket price.

Yellow Moon - A success as usual.

We have gained new members over the course of this year which is fantastic, but we also lost many members with the end of the school year. We are looking for a Treasurer (big thanks to Debbie Cox for her hard work), a Secretary (big thanks to Bev), a Deputy Chair and a Chairperson (huge thanks to Sam)..

Sam is happy to take on the deputy position and offer support and advice to the new chair but no longer has the time to commit to planning and organising the many events we hold throughout the year.

Many thanks also to the committee, parents, teachers and Kath Greenway for their help and support too.

It was agreed that a goal was needed for fundraising and Kath mentioned that an outside classroom was her next big plan. We will make this our next target for fundraising (Est cost £20,00)

Treasurer's Report

Unfortunately Debbie Cox was unable to attend the meeting but Sam confirmed that during the last two years FOPS had raised £10,000 for the school.

Election of New Positions

Chair - still required.

The Chair position will be easier if someone has an understanding of how PTA's run. Alternatively, if there is somebody happy to take over event planning responsibilities until the end of the school year, Sam will be on hand to help when she can..

Sam will act as Chair until 1st January 2009 - **IF WE DO NOT HAVE A NEW CHAIRPERSON BY THIS TIME FOPS WILL CLOSE AND WILL BE UNABLE TO RAISE FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOL FOR YOUR CHILDREN.**

Deputy Chair - Sam Webb which was seconded by all those present!!!!!!!

Secretary - Mandi-Sue Morgan volunteered to be Secretary and was seconded by Sam..

Treasurer - Sarah Wisdom volunteered to be Treasurer and was seconded by Simon.

Regular Committee Members

Deborah McIntyre-Duane

Charlotte Kevan

Sarah Wisdom

Kirston Stepney

Jo Barry

Susannah Trickett

Wendy Morgan

Richard Robson

Voluntary Helpers

Bev Holcroft

Emma Bibb

Usha Sharman

Simon Guilfoyle

Sue Elliott-Collier

Current/Planned Events

Disco - Friday 5th December (DJ needed?) Bev to ring Ian to find out price and availability. Kirston found Coach Colin (summer fair) is £75. Will book whoever is cheaper as both v good. Sam to arrange a visit by Santa.

Christmas Tombola - Kath Greenway to decide date of mufti day.

Non-fund raising event - **Coffee morning to be held on Tues 11th November** from 8.50 a.m. to 9.30 a.m ish. Can FOPS members hand out flyers on Mon 10th pm to their classes inviting parents to drop in to find out what we do and what being a member might entail.

Plans/Ideas for Future

Things for Sale Flyer. (Parents pay to list items for sale).

Cheese and Wine Evening.

Barbeque Evening.

Any Other Business

Circus, 2/3 October. The usual circus increased their fee by £1,000 this year, bringing the cost of a family ticket to £40 which would price out a lot families. We also had complaints after their last show so we decided to try Fred's Flying Circus which offered workshops for the children and performances in the evening.

Unfortunately the trapeze artist had broken her arm, which we were unaware of until they arrived and, due to parents allowing their children to run around the tent, (despite being asked many times not to) the performing dog could not be brought out.

The workshops and evenings were recorded to make a DVD so the parents can see how much fun and effort the children put into learning their skills (the DVD includes the dog!) A few disruptive Thursday parents were recorded, and also overheard by the performers, loudly insulting another parent in her choice of clothing, during the performance! There is no need for anyone to be

unpleasant or display a lack of manners as it reflects badly on the school as a whole. Friday's show was lovely with the parents applauding the time and effort put in by the children and performers.

General thoughts - fantastic for kids, not so for some parents! Discussion whether to leave out parents show next time was undecided.

Next Meeting

Friday 28th November at 2.15 p.m - New faces encouraged!

Mon 3rd Nov = CANCELLED