

FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
Notice of a meeting to be held at Church House Inn Rattery.

On
Wednesday 29th of May 2022 @ 19.30

Minutes.

1. Present:

Jo Palmer (Chair), Roger Knight (Treasurer), Elle Barnes (Deputy Chair), Kim Woodley, Amy Lethbridge (Secretary).

2. Apologies:

Holly Edgington, Helen Titford, Rachael Tomlinson, Sophie Taylor, Rebecca Filtness, Claire Olsen, Claire Moorman, Cheryl Mathieson.

3. Minutes from Last Meeting:

Read by Jo and published on WordPress.

4. Chair Report:

No formal report felt necessary at this time.

5. Treasurers Report:

This has since been covered in subsequent meetings.

6. Fundraising request from School:

Small Budget for Forest School for Miss Reid to spend on new and necessary items. These include a firepit/tarpaulin/rope and a few other small items - The committee discussed this and as it is in benefit of the whole school we feel we can support this and Jo will liaise with Miss Reid about a budget.

Preschool have asked for two barrel type planters for their outside area - This is purely for the benefit of Preschool so we have unfortunately had to decline this request.

Some good quality sleepers to build a raised bed area just inside the school gate preschool area - This could be deemed to the benefit the whole school as it would improve the aesthetics at the gate where the majority of pupils enter and be visible from the main entrance for parents/prospective parents and visitors alike therefore the request is being considered. However sleepers are very expensive, so it has been suggested by the committee that we would contact parents through the school newsletter or WhatsApp groups to enquire if anyone has some they could donate or know of anyone who may be able to help.

Another Gazebo would be fantastic – We have had issues with an order of sports equipment (which has now been cancelled) due to poor communication from the company so Roger will look into the budget to see if funds previously ringfenced for those items can be redistributed to buy a second gazebo.

Would FODs be interested in supporting a whole school trip to a local pantomime at Christmas – Mrs Edgington feels it is such an experience to go together. We feel we should support this, possibly with an ice cream for each child or a donation per child. Jo will suggest Torquay and Paignton ones are looked at for costing as these will be slightly cheaper than Plymouth.

7. Fundraising Ideas:

Refreshments at the School Play – Kim is shopping for these and parents have been asked for donations of cakes. Becky Barons is organising the raft race. There are a male and a female team in the making. The female team has 4 members and are making their raft. The male team have the raft from last year.

Diptfest – Separate committee, this is in hand.

Sunflower sale in September – Jo's Dad will be planting these later in the year and if the crop allows we will sell them after school.

Diptford Arms – We are considering organising a Diptford Arms for next term. This would involve a Bar, Year 6 making food and a quiz/beetle drive for example. This could be placed in the Parish news, however this it is felt has become less effective since it has gone online.

Roger suggested a letter drop, this was done for the Jubilee event in the village, he will enquire with Lucy as to the cost and logistics.

Spooky disco in October will be discussed later.

8. Agree a Date for next meeting:

To be arranged for some time in September.

9. A.O.B.

Message from Cheryl, do we want to create and order Christmas Cards and tea towels this year. A unanimous yes, Cheryl will organise this again for which we are very grateful.

100 club draws were done for the Months of April, May and June.

April - 3rd Prize – 34, Jo Palmer. 2nd prize – 12, Will and Kate Green. 1st Prize – 30, Hampson.

May - 3rd Prize – 32, Tomlinson. 2nd Prize – 13, Gribbins. 1st Prize – 77, Chris Carrol.

June - 3rd Prize – 44, Millman. 2nd Prize – 29, Roger. 1st Prize – 43, Tomlinson.

We feel the school tidy up days have done a lot of gardening so Jo has mentioned a gardening club to Mrs Edgington as this would take some of the workload off FODS. The Gazebo erected during the last Tidy up Day needs treating asap to prevent rotting, we will ask parents for donations as a first attempt at procuring wood treatment. The painting will need to be done as soon as we have treatment as an ad hoc volunteer day. July tidy up day was cancelled as it coincided with the village fete. Next one will be in September.

At the "meet the head" event it came to light that there is no odd Job man across the trust. It was suggested by other parents that an advert went out in the Parish news, to see if there was anyone local who may be able to help the school. We are unsure if this will be followed up by Mrs Edgington.

Roger is hoping to stand down in September – we are going to ask Rachel to place an "Advert" in the Newsletter and run it each week to garner some interest.