

FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
Notice of a meeting to be held at Rattery Church House Inn.
On
Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 19.30

Minutes.

1. Present.

Jo Palmer (Chair), Amy Lethbridge (Secretary), Roger Knight (Treasurer), Juliet James, Angela Fisher, Sophie Taylor, Xenia Ball.

2. Apologies.

Cheryl Mathieson. Lucy Carol, Holly Edgington

3. Minutes from last meeting.

Checked by Chair, on school website and WordPress.

4. Chairs Report.

We had our first Diptford Arms and it was a great success! A big thank you to all those people who came and supported us on Saturday 11th March. It was a great evening and we raised over £800 towards the new yurt! The year 5's also raised an amazing £300 by making and serving the food, which was delicious! After such a great response we are hoping to hold another Diptford Arms next term. A big thanks must go to Tania and her team for organising the food, Lucy for sourcing raffle prizes, Kim for being our quiz master, Graham for sorting the rugby screening and donating 2 kegs of home brew (they were very popular!) and Juliet for organising the bar! Without all these parents help, these events would not happen. It's great fun to get involved with FODS so if you feel you can spare any of your time we would really appreciate it.

Bags2school and Jumble sale were quiet this time. From the profits made I don't think it's worth the effort it takes to go through the bags sorting jumble worthy items. Something we need to discuss.

Sports Day date has been changed to Monday 3rd July, we need to ask the BBQ team if they can still help.

I have sent the duck race info slips out in book bags this week so hopefully people will return by 19th April.

5. Treasurers Report.

No report to add at this point, however it was highlighted we made £58 from Bags2School and the jumble sale.

6. Fundraising request from School.

Nothing provided for the meeting, we continue to fundraise for a new Yurt.

7. Fundraising Ideas:

Duck Race – Flyers went out last week with information about purchasing a duck. Jo will ask Penny to send an email reminder on the 17th of April as the deadline for buying ducks is 19.04.23. The Hook a Duck, which is used as a game during the duck race, has gone missing. Angela says she will provide a replacement, however she is not able to help on the day. Jo has prizes we can use for this already. We will be selling refreshments on the day in the form of: Scones, sweets, crisps, chocolate bars, tea, coffee and squash. Amy will purchase sweets and make into bags for the event, she will also provide Jam for 50 scones that Sophie is generously making. Jo will check her supply of Tea, Coffee, Squash, Sugar, Napkins and Cups. Sophie and Lucy are able to bring supplies of drinking water down to the field, where we can make tea and coffee using the urn from the village hall. We will also borrow teaspoons and knives from there. Kim, even though not involved directly with school anymore, is happy to provide the generator. Juliet has a cool box we can borrow to store the milk and cream for hot drinks and scones.

Diptford Arms, Summer Term – We are planning another Diptford Arms for the 15th of July. Some ideas were discussed as follows: Beetle drive (Amy will see if she can find her game sheets from last time), sausage and chips with a veggie option. We are exploring buying the sausages direct from Westaway. It was mentioned how well the homebrew went at the recent Diptford Arms and we are very grateful to Graham for providing this. It was felt that we would need to have this on offer at future events to avoid disappointment. We have asked Sophie to enquire if Graham would be amenable to this offer, we would be more than happy to buy the ingredients needed. We have an accurate list of what alcohol sold at the previous event thanks to Juliet:

- 12kg of Ice
- 6 White Wine
- 6 Red Wine
- 4 Rose
- 52 Cans of Lager
- 5 Cans John Smiths
- 11 Cans Cider
- 3 Bottles of 0% Lager
- 6 litres Tonic
- 4 litres Lemonade
- 2 litres Orange Juice
- 4 Cans Diet Coke
- 5 Cans Coke
- 4 Cans Ginger Beer
- 16 Cans of Sprite.
- 2 litres of Gin
- Squash
- 2 Kegs of Grahams HomeBrew

After the last event it was mentioned that some children were playing unattended outside and walking back towards the village. This behavior is not acceptable as much younger children were being influenced. On the back of this, a note will be added to further events regarding acceptable behavior and supervision. Juliet is happy to produce a poster when necessary.

Bags2School – We will organise another bags2school in October, however the time needed to run it alongside a jumble sale and the added funds this raised is not currently viable. We would, however, consider running a Christmas jumper swap alongside the collection.

Raft Race – This has raised a good amount in previous years so it will be suggested via WhatsApp groups. Usually, the 1st weekend in October and if there is enough interest we will go ahead.

Diptfest has been penciled in for 15th of September, term starts on the 5th. To be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

8. Agree a date for next meeting.

Thursday 29th June at 19.30 at Rattery Church House Inn.

AGM arranged for 07.09.2023 at School.

9. A.O.B

Easter egg hunt – eggs have been purchased and we have provided 5 larger eggs as prizes for the Easter Bonnet competition.

Grant applications – This is ongoing as no one on the committee has time at present to look into it further.

At Diptford Arms, Jane Ackton approached the committee to enquire as to whether she could purchase the current Yurt. It has been decided we will pursue this and invite her to view it and offer a price. We need to consider the cost of having the old Yurt removed if it is not sold.