



## **Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 12th July 2010 9am**

**Present** - Lisa Little, Anita Smith, Elaine Furness, Liz Robinson, Carrie Hayes, Caroline Alcock.

**Apologies** - Katie Fryatt

**Minutes of last meeting** (chair approved & signed minutes after committee agreed they were a true representation of the last meeting)

### **Matters arising**

**Success of the summer fair- £1100 profit!** all stalls did well with excellent results from ice cream sales, lemonade fishing, face-painting, Stan on meet and greet (deserves a medal) and Mr Saunders did so well on the lucky dip that this stall now needs completely replenishing. Well done everyone.

The trolley was disappointing this year and the committee discussed the need to have the trolley out on the playground for at least two weeks in advance of the fair in order to allow more people to have a go.

Also disappointing was the sale of raffle tickets as 1000 books were printed but only 313 books were sold (100 of which were sold on the day) and not many books that were sent home with children were returned. Again the committee discussed the need to have the raffle books on sale after school every day for at least a fortnight before the event.

The chair asked that the committee purchase new face-paints and equipment as the ones we have are now no longer adequate, this was agreed and a budget of £20 was allowed.

### **summer fair success continued**

The secretary is to begin writing thank you letters to all businesses which kindly donated raffle prizes, the chair agreed to address and post these.

The radio station as the PA was not as successful as hoped (although the children had a great time putting their links together) unfortunately there was just not enough power available to run the radio station, pa system, dvd player and bouncy castle all at the same time.

The committee considered the option of allowing the children to PA the summer fair next year via the PA system alone with their own links and music and agreed that this would be a great way of involving the children more in the summer fair.

Many thanks to Mr Bannister and Mrs Harben for being so enthusiastic about the radio station and also to Mr Bannister for rallying the wonderful phase 3 singers into such an excellent performance.

**Art Exhibition** - The Friends will be serving jugs of squash at this event.

The event itself is to be completely run by the actual event organisers themselves. The committee are hoping that if this event is successful we will be able to run it again maybe in the autumn term or the spring next year. The committee agreed to judge the art displayed at the exhibition and choose three pictures that would be copied and paid for by the Friends and then would be used as the first pictures to be hung in our soon-to-be School Art Gallery.

### **Inspire Workshops**

There will be three workshops ('play with your food') paid for by the Friends run throughout the morning. Each workshop lasts between 30 -40 mins and Mr Belcher has been asked to take photographs.

**Leavers Disco** - 5 till 6.30pm Wednesday 21st July - the disco will be entirely free with each child being entitled to two bags of sweets and a bag of crisps and squash for free. *note* . we will not be serving hot dogs at this event. If you are able to help at this event please just turn up.

We have a few upper school t towels left and the committee agreed these would be given to Ori to ask teachers to sign and then they may be given to year 6 children chosen by Mrs Dalton.

**Summer Challenge Colouring** - the Friends will be sending out a colouring challenge to all children during the last week of term (50p's to be attached as entry) and certificates will be awarded to the best ones handed in after the holidays.

**Quiz night** - the committee agreed to push ahead with a quiz night to be held at the Rose pub next term. Date to be confirmed but most likely the end of September. The cost would be £2 per ticket with 6 people per team. The pub will donate chips per table during the quiz, it was suggested that we hold a raffle or a caption competition with a £5 beer voucher prize at the same time and the Friends would provide the prize(s) for the winning team which could possibly be 6 bottles of wine.

**Christmas Cards** - This year instead of t towels the committee will be asking the children to design a christmas card, to be made into small packs of each childs design and sold to parents. The committee need to be in touch with the company involved by the 6th October and so this fundraising idea will become priority during the first few weeks back after the holiday.

**Halloween BBQ** - the committee have agreed to hold a halloween bbq evening **on 22.10.10**. There will be face- painting, glowsticks and tatoos for the children, two tombolas', sweet stall, tea and coffee etc. The committee would hold one mufti day prior to the event when children would be asked to bring any item (toiletry or tin) to go on the tombola.

The committee then discussed the need to purchase our own bbq, a metal shed for storage and a tombola ticket drum. These items are to be looked into over the holidays.

**Disco Dates** - Freddy the disco man has been booked for the following dates next year : **wed 10th nov**            **wed 16th feb**            **wed 15th june**

Next years leavers disco is booked for **20th july** - the committee discussed maybe turning our leavers disco into a prom with year 6 parents invited also and hiring a venue eg the assembly rooms (this would give us and the venue a great deal of publicity as we would be the first primary school to hold a prom - lets start a trend!) Suitable venues are to be researched during the summer holidays along with ideas suggested such as hiring a marquee etc.

**AOB** - The committee discussed the need for more communication between them and the school regarding involvement with other charitable organisations as it was felt that raffle ticket sales may have lost out because of the SPREE books being sent out at the same time. It was suggested that the committee choose an event (held yearly) eg. the penny race that could then be used to raise money for any charitable organisation chosen by the school. The committee agreed to research 10 - 12 childrens based charities that we could suggest the school support (maybe school council could ultimately decide) through the penny race next year.

AOB continued

The committee will also be researching companies which offer shows / workshops for children as it was felt that we should be able to offer a panto at christmas and at least one other event for the children during the year.

We will also be looking into companies that offer inflatable games eg sumo suits, bungee etc. for the summer fair or halloween bbq.

The date for the **Christmas Fair** has been set as **10th December 3.30 - 5.30**.

**Date of next meeting**

**Monday 13th September 9am location to be confirmed.**

The next Ordinary Committee meeting will be held as an **Extra-Ordinary meeting. ALL elected committee members must attend** or apologise for absence, as due to the resignation of the current secretary it is necessary to elect a new one. If you would like to apply for this position or would like more info about being the secretary to the Friends, please contact Elaine (elaine.furness2@ntlworld.com) or Lisa.