

FRIENDS OF RIPELY ST THOMAS

MINUTES OF MEETING

8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016

Present:- Lesley, Karen, Jo, Ange and John

Apologies:-Lucia

**ACCOUNTS**

Not prepared for the meeting owing to being in the middle of the process of changing banks.

**DONATIONS**

We are absolutely delighted to have been given a donation of £1,000 by the parents of a Ripley St Thomas child. It was requested that this be an anonymous donation but that it is to be used towards the transport fund as their child gets a lot of use from the minibus. We wish to thank these parents very much for this generous donation. We will be claiming Gift Aid on this so the amount will increase further!!

**STRAWBERRY SUPPER**

To be held Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Fresh scones, jam and cream to be served outside, weather permitting, in the quads after the church service. Emails have been sent to parents reminding them of this lovely event.

**FIRST DAY DVDS**

It was agreed that we would ask Purple Videos to film the new Year 7's first day at school so that DVDS can again be sold to parents/guardians of the new intake. We would remind parents/guardians of existing pupils that we do hold a small stock of previous years' DVDs so if you have lost your copy or forgot to order one at the time, please contact the Friends who will endeavour to get a copy for you to buy.

**6<sup>th</sup> FORM REPS**

We are currently trying to recruit students from the sixth form to become 6<sup>th</sup> form reps on The Friends committee so that they can liaise between the main school and Sixth Form re fundraising events etc. If you have a child due to go into year 13 from September 2016, please mention this to them in case they would like to volunteer for this role.

**BONFIRE NIGHT**

Our annual extravaganza will take place this year on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. More details to follow. For anyone who has never attended one of our bonfire events, please try to come along this year as this is spectacular event! This is also one of the biggest fund raisers of the year and your ongoing support is really appreciated. Requests for help on the night will be made nearer the time.

## **REQUESTS FOR FUNDING**

No requests were received this month

## **ANNUAL RAFFLE**

It was agreed that the annual Friends' raffle will be moved from September to Easter. This is due to poor tickets sales in the past related to parents having a lot of expense already at that time of year re new uniform, books etc.

## **FRIENDS MEAL**

Due to existing commitments the meal has been moved to 7<sup>th</sup> September instead of June, Karen to make a reservation at Paulo Giannis. This meal is not paid for with funds raised but by the members themselves – it is an annual social event for past/present and future members to have a get together out of the school environment. If you want to come along and see what we are about please contact Lesley Kelly via the school and we will include you in the booking – it would be lovely to meet you!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

School Play – help required for serving refreshments at the intervals.

## **AOB**

It is with regret that Angela Rawlinson and Karen Brock announced that they will be stepping down from their roles on The Friends after 6 years. They will continue to help out at events but due to their own children having A levels/GCSEs/University placements and apprenticeships coming up their time will be very much taken up in the coming year!!!

This does mean that the position of Secretary will need filling from September onwards. If you feel you would like to take on this very rewarding role please contact The Friends via the school or come along to the AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> September – more details to follow re the AGM.

**NEXT MEETING – AGM 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 7pm – venue to be confirmed nearer the time**

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