

Friends of Mill Hill
Minutes
24.01.2014

In attendance

Jenna Ford – Chair
Natasha O'Connor – Secretary
Vicky Pilbeam
Tracie Jackson
George Budnara
Yvonne Dixon
Jacqui Howard
Diane Lawry

Apologies

Kelly Prior - Treasurer

Christmas Fayre

Jenna opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their help at the Christmas Fayre, and passing on how pleased she was at how well the day went and what wonderful profit we made for the school.

Jenna said there were a few things she would do different and said that if anyone else has any suggestions to please let her know. Possibly not do the guess the serial number of the £50 note as we didn't get a full sheet full of guesses; we need more items for the tombola, could have quite possibly made an extra £100 from that alone if we had done a non uniform day and asked parents to bring in an item for the tombola; craft tables were suggested but it would be a matter of getting parents or staff to man them.

A Different Beat was praised for adding to the atmosphere and it was suggested if we could possibly get them for part of our summer fayre. We will speak to Wayne and Viki Miles to see what we can arrange.

Jenna said to Tracie that it was fantastic having her as the "runner" – she was perfect for the job and many stallholders commented how good it was to have someone make sure they were ok, needed breaks or drinks.

The grotto was fabulous and a huge success.

Year 6 Revision Books

Mrs Marshall has handed a letter in to the Friends asking for £76 for revision books for the year 6, as the school cannot pay for these out of their funds. Jenna said that she has also been approached by year R Mrs Morgan for balance bikes, but feels these should be put on

hold as the revision books are a bit more important with the balance bikes being able to be purchased nearer the springtime.

It was agreed that parents will be told that the Friends have funded these and that any lost books will have to be replaced by the parents.

Curtains

We now have the material for the curtains and the lining and these are being started this weekend (the larger ones covering the apparatus area). We shall be doing them in sections. It was noted that these aren't as thick as the existing curtains but they are lighter enabling them to be opened and closed easier. Total cost is approximately £600.00.

Table Tennis Tables

Yvonne said that she is disappointed as these are still in their boxes. It was suggested that we could run a tennis table club for half an hour at lunchtime; alternatively could they not make use of them during the Monday after school sports club which is running at the moment? Jenna and Yvonne will come in Thursday lunchtimes to take them out of their boxes and get them set up.

Lunchtime Tubs

Peter Leonard is going to let Jenna know whether he can get a deal on the tubs from the shop that he got the lunchbox tubs from. Yvonne will chase him up in this regard. Jenna will get the catalogue from Mrs Hatherley for the play equipment.

Scooter Pods

Terry has been unable to put these up yet as he has been working on the year 4 classroom which was damaged during the storms.

Tracie said she is happy to drill and secure them into the ground. She will liaise with Terry and Vicky Parker about this. Yvonne will also keep her eyes on this too. Diane confirmed 1 to go outside of the year 4 classroom. Not sure about the other.

Sports Relief

A parent has approached us and asked if we are doing anything for sports relief. Jenna has ordered a pack and we will see what's in there. Mention of a sponsored mile walk.

Table Top Sale

Rather than a spring shopping evening, it was suggested we do a table top sale (as we cannot do a car boot sale), invite all parents / friends and family to have a table to sell all their unwanted items. The shopping evening was a good event but it was agreed it would work better at Christmas time when shoppers have a reason to buy.

Charge £5 a table.

We will make money on refreshments.

Agreed will go for a Saturday in April, 10 am – 12 noon.

Charge 20p per adult, children free.

Summer Fayre

Quickly touched on the summer fayre which is to take place on Saturday 28 June. Further details to be discussed at next meeting.

Mothers Day

Diane confirmed we will be doing a Mother's Day assembly, which she is happy to do earlier than the normal time, so that we can have a Mother's Day Tea Party afterwards. Unsure how to charge for this but suggestions welcome.

Next meeting arranged for 2.00 pm on Friday 28 February 2014.