

WSA Minutes – Monday 30th April 2018

The Duke of Wellington pub, Willingham, 8pm

Present: Emma Bowyer (Chair), Emma Launchbury (Vice Chair), Marie Clements (Treasurer), Katy Gilbert (Secretary), Justine Green, Amanda Swann, Andrea Eccles, Susan Passmore, Lorna Hopcroft, Karen Monks

Apologies: Dave Morel, Suzi Haigh, Natasha Heighes

3. Treasurer's Report: We currently have £17k in the bank. We made £360 in profit from Easter bingo and £203 from the Easter disco. £1500 sponsorship for Fen Gallop has now come in from our sponsors.

4. WSA Spending: The phonics books have now been purchased for EYFS. Three proposals have come in: John Thorley-White has requested £1,420 to replace the seating in the playground courtyard. They would like four benches made from recycled plastic, which will mainly be used by year 5 and 6. Unanimous vote in favour. Kerry John has requested £84 for lunchtime equipment: basketballs, catching cups etc. Unanimous vote in favour. The school has requested £500 towards swimming pool costs (mainly chemicals). Unanimous vote in favour. Recycling bins have now been purchased with Co-Op funding. KG has sent the Co Op manager a letter to let them know of this spend.

5. Swimming pool – After the last meeting, DM looked into regulations for having a trained lifeguard. The depth of our pool is shallow and exempt from lifeguard requirements. Danny Carminati has arranged for staff and parent volunteers to attend resus training for Thursday 17th May at 7pm. We had an effective Whatsapp group last year to notify pool volunteers of their requirement. Group to be resurrected and use it to notify the members to recruit them to help again this year. AS to sort.

6. New intake meeting: This will be held on Tuesday 12th June at 6pm. EB, KG, SP to attend. EB to sort talk for parents about WSA.

7.1 Feedback Easter Disco: all went ok. Fairly good attendance for KS1, no issues to report. Numbers were down for KS2, so we should ask student council if they'll want an end of year disco.

7.2 Easter Bingo: We made £360, which was about £100 down on last year. £66 was made on the raffle and £140 on refreshments. Was held on nice sunny day, so this could be reason for a decrease in attendance.

8. Year 3 and 4 performance: refreshments and raffle: EB will run the Thursday performance and EL to do Tuesday. EB to buy raffle prizes. We should add a note on the tickets to publicise refreshments and raffle, as people often say they have no money at the

performance to purchase anything. We also require a member of staff on the door to help with any ticket discrepancies, as there was an issue at a previous event with a group of parents who didn't have tickets. We need to provide a better transparency of where the ticket sales money goes too. This could be made clearer in the publicity (Parentmail etc) or on the actual tickets.

9. Upcoming events

9.1 Sports Day: To be held on Friday 15th June. The WSA will have a refreshment stall. DM has suggested refreshments for parents, but only water bottles for children. Some parents complained that their children were hassling them to buy drinks last year. Tea, coffee and water to be sold this year to avoid this conflict with students.

KG to contact Scott at Co-Op for fruit donations. Ice pops to be given to each child.

9.2 Fen Gallop and Family Fun Day: Will be held on Sunday 8th July. (10k at 10.20am, 4 miler at 10.40am) Presentations will be at 11.45am. Mini sprint at 1pm for the under 5's. 2k at 1.20pm for primary school children (Yr6 and under) Prizes for mini sprint and KS1 and KS2 winners.

2pm performances – Ladybird Borland has confirmed a 15 minute time slot, School Choir has also been confirmed with Laura Sutton.

This year we have outsourced the candy floss, bouncy castle, face painting, glitter tattoos to an events company, but we will still receive a 50% cut on their profits.

We will receive 20% of what the Zorb Balls make.

Utility Warehouse will be running a 'win a car' Mini Cooper.

Scouts will be providing an undercover maze.

Girl Guides – will be running the tea, coffee and cake, and will also be offering mocktails.

Ice cream van – will provide us with a percentage of the profit.

Juice bike – KG to contact Co-Op to request fruit donations for this, and staff members to run the stall and man a water station.

One Leisure – they are bringing their mascot to run one of the races and will also man a water station.

Chef Central – providing us with water bottles (500) and will also be handing them out. They will be manning a water station too and providing soft drinks for bar. EB liaising with them.

BBQ being run by Scouts.

Adult tombola – Kate Partridge (Yr 2 parent) has kindly said that she will run this.

Ruth Hatcher – has kindly donated 2,000 biodegradable cups, in return for putting products in the ladies toilets.

Raj Patel from Willingham Wolves to run beat the goalie.

Kickstars are providing support with football skills etc.

Bar – more help required for this. Jez and Marie Clements are running this.

Photos – JG had previously said that her husband could take photos of the runners, but consensus is that runners don't tend to pay for event photos.

Children to design poster for Fen Gallop fete, KM to arrange this. The deadline will be the week after May half term. £15 gift voucher from The Entertainer for the poster design winner.

JG will speak with other staff at school to see if they can provide any help on the day.

9.3 End of year summer discos: To be held on Friday 13th July – we will put to school council and see what their vote is, whether it goes ahead or not. Adult Eighties disco, put on back burner, possibly arrange for Feast Weekend in October. Consensus was that it wouldn't work running it straight after the children's end of year discos.

9.4 Y6 Leaver's Party: To be held on Saturday 21st July. £5 trip money will be allocated to this. MC to check if year groups have been claiming their £5 per child allocation funding for school trips.

10. Year 6 hoodies and autograph books: Jacqui Barry is sorting this, but EB to follow up with her. JG has sent letter out and forms have been returned. Autograph books – Bushcraft and Pirate Ship photo to be included on the cover. Not yet decided whether pupils will have the hoodies for Bushcraft or not.

11. Christmas cards 2018: Use same company as last year as they were much easier to order through.

12. AOB:

Another driveway sale has been suggested, which could take place on the Feast Weekend. Provisionally planned for Saturday 6th October 2-5pm. Charge £10 to go on a map.

Karen and Ben Monks would like to organise a quiz night in September.

Willingham Wolves have asked if they can borrow the gazebo for 9th June. AS to arrange.

Suggested that they provide some parent helpers for Fen Gallop in return for the loan.

13. Next meeting Monday 4th June at The Duke 8pm-10pm.