

Minutes of Friends of Scarcroft School AGM – 13th October 2015 7:30pm The Priory, 103 Micklegate, York – (for approval at the next AGM)

There were approximately 45 members in attendance the AGM commenced at 7:45pm including 2015/6 committee members David Lindridge (Chair) (DL), Sam Healy (SH) Treasurer, Sarah Wright (Secretary), Kelley Marriage, Richard Kay.

DL opened the AGM thanking Lee Daggett and Gemma Holgate for hosting, donating the prizes and kindly providing the buffet at The Priory, Mrs Holton and her father preparing the quiz and Richard Kay for acting as quizmaster for the evening.

1] Apologies for absence were given from Anna Frost, Louisa Wojciechowska, Gina Harris, Anna Cornhill, Jenny Holton and the Scarcroft school staff team.

2] Minutes from last AGM were made available for anyone who'd like to read them, they'd also been posted on the FoSS website since the last AGM and were approved.

3] Chair's Report for 2015/2016 by DL

FoSS have worked during the year to achieve 5 things:

- 1) Improve Communications between Members – using the class contact lists given to parents, weekly email to share useful information, the FoSS website and social networking accounts on Facebook and Twitter. Of the 332 pupils/250 families at Scarcroft 90% were in active contact with FoSS, the website had had over 6,000 hits since it started 2 years ago, 700 of those on the School Calendar Dates page, the weekly email had a mailing list of 330 names, Facebook had 334 followers and Twitter 223 followers.
- 2) Work efficiently and reduce waste – by simplifying the things that families are asked to bring into school with FoSS centrally supplying flapjack, oranges, party food. Helping to reunite parents with lost property by helping Amanda Robinson of Parent task force. Organising recycling of textiles, ink cartridges, books, and second hand items for sale.
- 3) Build Links with the Community – FoSS continues to be a member of Bishy Road Traders Association, who had sponsored the school sport strip this year. Also one of their members, Costcutters, had chosen School as its Local Pride partner donating over £550 to playground equipment. FoSS had participated in Micklegate Traders Soapbox Challenge and in the process raised £500 for Candlelighters and had also been chosen by Waitrose, thanks to Jenna Barber, as one of its Community Matters partners this year. We also continue to benefit from the support of numerous local businesses (some of which have connections through parents and governors at school)
- 4) Be Inclusive – by trying to ensure every family in school was made aware of FoSS and made to feel welcome. We'd managed to successfully get in contact and have communication with 90% of families already at school and for the last 2 years have arranged for all new families to school to be provided with information about FoSS and tried to meet with them at New Reception induction day coffee mornings. FoSS provided a class contact list before the summer break to help their children make friends before their first days at school.
- 5) Arrange Events and Fundraisers and make the best use of funds raised – thanks to the support of all members we'd successfully raised around £10,000 for the second

year running (more details later from SH). In 2014/15 we'd built up funds to be able to guarantee teaching teams a budget of £5,000 before the school year had begun to allow them to plan trips and external special visitors to class that would be relevant and timely to their teaching topics and we had been pleased with the teams use of the funds. Also during the year we spent another £3,400 on playground equipment, readings eggs program, equipment for school clubs, and a pledge of £1,000 for books and had a balance of £1,600 which was to be used to increase the guaranteed budget for the teaching teams for their spend in 2016/17 to £6,600. There is a full list on the FoSS website of all the yearly spending in detail.

There's a committee of 9 people (who will be thanked and mentioned later) who formed the backbone of the organisation but many of the events and activities are organised by others for example the 40 FoSS Bakers, Katie Saunders with her team of 10 creche volunteers, Anna Reynolds and Naomi Whittaker with ice lollies, Rachel How on food and drink at the Christmas Fair and FoSS Advertiser, Dave Morris and team on the summer BBQ and more recently Maria Turley, Amanda Robinson on Preloved Uniform, Laura Barrett on the Prize Draw, Helen Barlow, Christina Nichols and Clare Brown on Christmas Fair. However beyond that there was a list of over 160 names of volunteers to thank for helping putting on the events.

DL concluded saying thank you to all members who've contributed and supported FoSS over the year before handing to Treasurers Sam Healy.

4] Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31 Aug 2016 presented by Treasurer Sam Healy

Thanks to Anna Frost for again looking at the accounts, also to DL for help completing the spreadsheet over the financial year 2015/16.

Overall, in summary, FOSS raised over £13,500 (by way of turnover), of which £5780 was donated to School, the rest being accounted for by way of expenditure on fundraising events and cash ready to be donated to School this year.

That turnover figure was slightly down on previous years, but not by much. The best performing events were Christmas Fair, Summer Fair and Race Night.

5] Appoint Independent Examiner of the accounts - Anna Frost was thanked for auditing the accounts this year and volunteers were invited to audit the accounts for the 2016/7 year to get in touch with Sam Healy.

6] Election of Officers and Trustees of the Committee

There were 3 committee members standing down this year, Sarah Wright after putting in many years for FoSS and the last 2 as Secretary was stepping down now Martha had left school DL thanked her and Martha for all the work they'd done and for being the best sales people FoSS had possibly ever had. DL also thanked, in their absence, Jean Auton, who had served longer on the committee than probably anybody else, and Nicola Hetheron who had done lots for FoSS for 2 years and in the last year as a committee member but had relocated to Germany.

FoSS was lucky to have some excellent people volunteering to stand for election to the committee, including Anna Frost as Secretary, Ruth O'Hagan and Louisa Wojciechowska as committee member and trustees. DL thanked the remaining committee/trustees for all

their work during the year and confirmed that they were standing for re-election including DL as Chair, SH as Treasurer, Gina Harris, Lizzie Fathers, Kelley Marriage and Richard Kay. DL asked if there were any other nominations for positions on the committee to which there wasn't.

When put to the members present the above committee members DL as Chair, SH as Treasurer, Anna Frost as Secretary, Gina Harris, Lizzie Fathers, Kelley Marriage, Richard Kay, Ruth O'Hagan and Louisa Wojciechowska were duly elected unanimously with no objections/votes against.

Any Other Business

7] There was no other business raised and the AGM was closed handing over to Richard Kay to begin the Quiz.

The AGM concluded at 8pm.