



Minutes

In attendance: Jo Oxley, Michaela Chambers, Kathryn Davis, Liz Willis, Shamim Ahmed, Sarah Clark, Claire Senior, Pascale Fotherby

Apologies for Absence: Sue Sykes, Suzanne Oldham, Megan Bingley, Kathryn Ingold

Welcome: The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

Minutes of the Previous AGM dated: 26th September 2016: These will be available after the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: There were no matters arising.

Adoption of the Constitution:

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The motion to continue with this constitution was carried unanimously.

The Aim of Friends:

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Chairs Report: Given by Johanna Oxley

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The number of regular active members we have grown a little last year which was a great relief and enabled us to continue our regular events like our popular Friday afternoon Hungry Hometimes as well as raffles, and discos in school time for the children. We decided to re-introduce a family evening event, which took the form of a bingo night with hot supper. This was lots of fun and a great success and we are planning to run it again this



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week. We held a Summer Fair again, which went very smoothly with support from everyone in school as well as the parents and carers who attended. Through all these events we raised an amazing total of £1825.63!

A big thank you to Pascale Fotherby, Michaela Chambers, Kathryn Davis, Kathryn Ingold, Sue Sykes, Sarah Clark, Liz Willis, Yvonne Dyal, Shamim Ahmed, Megan Bingley and Sue Holmes for being active members of our Friends team and pitching in to help with events in whatever way they can. Thank you also to Mr Walker and Mr Flanagan for helping us set up and tidy up our events, to the school staff for making the Summer Fair such a success, and the school admin team for sending out emails and texts, and adding Friends info to the school newsletter. A special mention must also go to the manager of the Co-op at Moortown Corner, who has again provided us with some wonderful hampers for our raffles!

All our volunteers have been amazing, helping out as much as they can around their families and other commitments.

The money we raise goes back into school to give our children “extras” that would not otherwise be provided. This year these “extras” included class Christmas presents, calculators for all the Year 6 Leavers, a smoothie maker for the school cafe, and story sacks for the library. Any suggestions from Staff and the School Council for things they’d like us to buy are taken into consideration.

We have already planned our events for the new school year, working to roughly the same structure as last year. This worked really well for us as a team – the smaller events mean they are easier to organize and we are quite a small team. They also mean that parents and carers are not overwhelmed by requests for money!

We always welcome new faces, and even if you can’t make our meetings, any time you can spare to help us would be great – selling treats at Hungry Hometime or serving teas and coffees at the International Food Cafe. Do let us know of any ideas for future events you have, also if you have any connections we can make use of eg for raffle prizes or matched funding, again please let us know. An easy way to do this is to join our Facebook group, you can keep in the loop at the same time.

Treasurers Report: Given by Michaela Chambers

Carried forward from academic year 2015 to 2016

Current account £4029.46

Savings account £1006.90

Cash £565.48



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Cheque £0.00

Total £5601.78

Carried forward to academic year 2016 to 2017

Current account £4638.69

Savings account £1007.23

Cash £509.07

Cheque £0.00

Total £6154.99

The miscellaneous expenditure has included membership of NCPTA (£101), which includes insurance and public liability cover as well as advice and information, polo shirts for a prize draw for new parents and a donation to Fairtrade. The proceeds from the Valentine disco were donated to the Co-op to support their fundraising for the British Heart Foundation.

Miscellaneous income has included £118.23 from Easyfundraising and £0.39 interest on the saving account.

Friends of Allerton have paid for class Christmas gifts (£277.71), a smoothie maker for the cafe (£388.95), Story sacks for the library (£252.17) and calculators for Year 6 leaving presents (£339.09).

Election of Officers and Trustees of the Committee:

- **Co-Chairs } Johanna Oxley & Kathryn Davis Committee Member /Trustee of the Charity**
- **Treasurer } Michaela Chambers Committee Member/Trustee of the Charity**
- Secretary – Shamim Ahmed
- Ordinary Committee Members

Jo Oxley and Kathryn Davis will co-chair with a view to Kathryn taking over as chair next year.

Michaela will step down as treasurer once her son finishes in school so we could do with a new treasurer for next year so that there can be a smooth transition.

Forthcoming events:

- International Food Café 12th October – JO, KD (maybe) and MC can help
- Christmas Raffle – we will look into having printed tickets for this as selling tickets at Christmas performances is hard for us to manage. SC knows the manager of the new co-op who may like to donate a prize. JO to ask Peter Oxley if his company would be happy to donate a star prize again.



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- Hungry Hometime 8th December – reindeer food was discussed but dismissed as it can be harmful to wildlife. We will do mince pies and mini rolls instead.

AOB: MC has had a few Christmas present requests through. Can we put Easyfundraising information on Facebook? Christmas shopping season is nearly here so would be good to catch as many people as possible.

Date of next Committee Meeting: 6th November 2017, 6.45, Moorallerton Costa

Close Meeting: The meeting closed at 6.30pm