

FOLS meeting - AGM

25th September 2024

Lealholm School

Attendees: Alex Nightingale, Helen Davies, Lynn Foster, Amanda Smith, Nicola Kirkbride, Kate Houghton, Ellen Dowson, Kirsty Knight, Ruth Welford, Jenni Holmes, Emily Corris, Beth Clay & Rebecca Whitwell.

Apologies: Ella Foord, Jo Trousdale, Helen Purtill.

Welcome and introduction of new members

Election of roles

Chair: Kirsty happy to stay on, nominated by Ellen, seconded by Nic.

Vice chair: Ruth to stay on, nominated by Kirsty, seconded by Nic.

Secretary: to continue as a joint role, Ellen stepping down. Emily Corris, nominated by Ruth, seconded by Ellen. Nic happy to stay on, nominated by Kirsty, seconded by Lynn.

Treasurer: Amanda happy stay on, nominated by Kirsty, seconded by Ellen.

150th celebrations a success, well done to all involved.

Financial report from Amanda

£7031 in the bank account currently.

Lots of trips funded by FOLS over the past year, general opinion that it has been a very positive year with very minimal parental contributions to trips necessary. Lots of fun events for the kids.

100 club slightly down on last year, maybe need a push this year.

School minibus

Beth has floated the idea of buying a school minibus, a 16 seater, and for FOLS to contribute towards it. Rebecca to ask Keith at Esk Valley for some advice. Discussed the possibility of sharing with Oakridge or another school, possibly Glaisdale. Running costs, maintenance, etc to be taken into account, Beth thinks this would be covered by school. Rebecca discussed leasing instead of buying outright.

Fundraising plans

Halloween / bonfire bingo

In school or Ley Hall? Decided on Ley Hall, Friday 8th November, (Bonfire bingo) 5.30pm start time. Ruth to book the hall. Amanda to sort bingo books. Price of £4 for bingo card, crisps, sausage bun and drink. Nicola to make poster. 60 sausages (Helen), 60 bread buns (Lynn), drinks, napkins, condiments (Kirsty), crisps (Kate), sweets (Nicola).

Christmas party

Ley hall, Friday 13th December 5-7pm, Ruth to book hall.

Ask Jo & Chris if they can do lights and music.

Selection boxes, possibly see if we can get a Santa.

Christmas hampers

To raffle at Christmas plays. Can use the left over mugs. Hamper packing planned for Monday 16th December.

Soup lunch

Saturday 15th February, Ruth to book the Ley Hall, 11.30-1.30 (book hall 11am-2pm). Idea to serve proper puddings like crumble, trifle etc. alongside traybakes.

Extra fundraising

Idea from Kate of a blind card type fundraiser.

Spending

Egg rolling prizes

Same as last year. Kate to approach Coop to ask if any prizes can be donated.

Residential trips

Peat Rigg for year 5 & 6: cost has increased this year, £215 per child. Asking for £65 per child. 6 children in total going. Trip is 26th March 2025.

Christmas panto trip

Plan to see Snow White at Whitby pavilion with Oakridge, their PTA are paying for tickets, transport and an ice cream for each child. £160 for bus. Will cost around £500 total. In agreement to pay for total (in line with Oakridge PTA).

Year 6 Edinburgh trip

To be discussed nearer the time re costs. Contributed £50 per child last year.

Anniversary bench

£2595 plus VAT from Fenmoor

£1550 plus VAT from Nick Thornton (does not include installation)

Prices may have gone up since quotes were sourced in March. Kirsty to check with Gav that Fenmoor's price is still the same.

Beth to check if school can claim VAT back as this amount would be significant, especially on the more expensive bench.

Any other business

School still have a vacancy for midday supervisor, advert asking for Mon-Fri but school would be happy with any day to be covered, please spread the word amongst the community.

Looking for a school governor (not a parent governor) if anyone knows of someone who might be suitable, please let Lynn Foster know.

Willow tunnel needs attention again. Beth to speak to Mr Everson and see if he can weave it in, it would then need cutting back again.

FOLS facebook page is currently private, discussion around making it public to spread the word about our fundraising events.

Asda cashpot is currently at £74, please encourage any other family or friends to sign up to Lealholm as their chosen school if they shop at Asda.

FOLS Christmas meal. Plan to go to Wheatsheaf again, provisional date of Saturday 7th December 7pm. Lynn to contact Wheatsheaf.

Planning of bonfire bingo and Christmas party to be done over Whatsapp and/or Zoom.