



Friend's of Diptford School Meeting

Monday 10th January 2022

Minutes

1. Present:

Jo Palmer (Chair), Elle Barnes (Deputy Chair), Roger Knight (Treasurer), Kim Woodley, Amy Lethbridge (Secretary), Cheryl Mathieson.

2. Apologies:

Jodie Talbot.

3. Minutes from previous meeting:

Signed, on WordPress and School Website.

4. Chair report:

Firstly, a big thank you to all of those who helped get the canopy built, from the planning and designing, jumping through the rules and regulation hoops to the actual building. A special thank you must go to Lucy Carroll for leading the project.

We attended the advent fayre this year with a stall of secondhand books and toys. We did make a small amount and the WI did not charge us for the table, which was very kind. The toys were definitely more popular so worth considering for the future. Thank you to all who donated.

The Christmas craft day and Father Christmas visit was a success as always. Although parents couldn't go into the school to help again this year, we have been advised that the children enjoyed the crafts very much. The lanterns they made were then used for a Christmas afternoon with mince pies mulled wine and carol singing. It was great to see lots of parents attend and some of the villagers and WI. The Totnes Rotary Club also attended to present a cheque to FODS for £400 for our efforts in fundraising for the raft race.

The classrooms have finished being painted and I think everyone will agree that they look much better. Thank you to Kim for sourcing lots of free paint!

Elle put together a list for Christmas for parents to donate towards sports equipment this will go towards the £400 we received from Totnes Rotary to buy as much as we can. I also contacted NFU but unfortunately, they are unable to help.

The FODS Christmas lunch was reasonably well attended, and everyone had an enjoyable time.

The pub quiz has now been changed to a virtual quiz which we have 8 teams booked at the moment. Raffle tickets have gone home in book bags today and we have had quite a bit of interest in families booking onto the quiz. I will

hold the raffle live from my house; Lisa Setter will continue to be the quiz master. Georgia Gilby will create a Teams meeting link for me to send to all the teams.

As we move towards the Spring, we have events such as the Duck Race, Diptford Arms, Queens Jubilee and Diptfest to think about.

5. Treasurer report:

Our cash at bank at 30 November 2021 (our financial year-end) amounted to GBP 9290. Adjusting for known liabilities at that date, our funds amounted to approximately GBP 9200.

Our funds comprised:

	GBP
Held re accelerated reader programme	147
Held or designated for canopy/outdoor seating area, less spent (2488)(includes designated free funds of 2500)	3489
Held for playground toys	400
'Free funds'	5164
	9200

For information, the canopy/outdoor area funds:

Designated from FODS free funds	2500
Brought fwd from playground fund	1393
On-line quiz	340
Body Shop grid	224
Fashion Show proceeds waived	265
Disposal of sails	300
Film night	149
Crowdfunder receipts	101
Match Funding (Ernst & Young)	500
Waivers of 100 Club draw prizes	215
Total raised	5987
Less: expended	2488
	3499

Since my last report the sale of tea towels contributed about GBP285 to free funds and raft race sponsorship (excluding the special GBP400 from the Rotary Club, which we agreed to designate for playground toys) raised a net figure of GbP940. 100 Club cash-flows continue to be strong.

The budgeted cost of the play-school canopy was GBP5500. Assuming that this budget is not exceeded, we will have almost GBP1000 of designated funds available towards our next project.

The School is hopeful of being able to provide a covered seating area on the Field to provide further outdoor teaching and rest space. There is as yet no budget for this project. When we have a budget and also are able to assess other possible requirements we can consider whether we are able to utilise any of our free funds for this project. Taken together our free funds at 30 November and the 'surplus' from the canopy fund amount to just over GBP600

We have now ceased the holding of school uniform stocks and have migrated parents to an on-line system which does not involve FODS directly. It remains to be seen how this will work out.

6. Fundraising ideas School:

No-one from school was present but Mrs Talbot had assured Jo that they are still fundraising for outdoor equipment, and an outdoor seating area. Elle will total up what the cost is for the equipment and if this is more than the £400 from The Rotary then we may be in a financial position to cover this. We will also start to look for quotes for the outdoor seated area. Mrs Talbot has emailed Jo a picture of a design they like.

7. Fundraising ideas:

Pub Quiz 15.01.22 – Now virtual as some parents raised concerns regarding the possibility of spreading Covid throughout the school. It was decided to err on the side of caution and go virtual. This is a more inclusive approach and now has a couple of children's rounds to ensure it is a family event. We are running a raffle alongside the quiz, we have been lucky to have lots of donations from local businesses and parents. Teams will be trusted to score their own answer sheets and these figures will be collected at half time by Amy and again at the end. There will be the option of asking, via the message system on teams, for questions to be repeated. It was thought we will go through half the quiz then look at the requests and do so before the break for the raffle. This is to ensure as little disruption to the flow as possible.

Bags to school 10.03.22 - We will have a jumble sale of clothes first therefore will need to have bags by Tuesday 8th Kim, Amy and Elle will sort the donations out on Tuesday/Wednesday morning and have it laid out at school pick up. We will also put out new and secondhand uniforms on the Wednesday 9th. Anything not sold will then be sent to bags to school.

Sports day BBQ – This will be discussed closer to the time when dates have been decided by school.

Diptfest – Dates to be arranged by Jodie. Depending on dates we will have a stall run by year 6 to raise money for residential. This fundraising idea for the year 6's was started at Diptford Arms and seemed to work well.

Bodyshop grid by Teresa for Mothers Day – Jodie discussing with her, Mothers Day is 27th March 2022. Grids need to be sent out at beginning of March at the latest. This is being left to Teresa and Jodie, there are some discussions with the Academy to ensure the legality of Teresa using her Bodyshop franchise.

Duck Race – Saturday 30th April, at Gribbons on the river Avon or Diane Hunts field. Plan to have an afternoon tea at this event. Due to location we may need a generator for hot drinks (Kim may have one we can use). There is the possibility asking parents to make scones for the cream tea to keep costs down or utilizing the year 6's if dates don't work out for a stall at Diptfest. We would like to make this event open to the village, it will be advertised and we considered asking the WI to make and donate Jams for the cream tea. This would again increase our fundraising capacity and hopefully increase the audience as the WI and their families are more likely to attend. To be discussed again at our next meeting and Jo is to ask Jodie whether this is appropriate and if Dates will work.

Diptford Arms with Bingo/Beetle Drive – As we have just realized with the Pub Quiz, Covid is still causing some concern about indoor activities, regardless of the legality. The Bingo/Beetle Drive could be done outside to raise funding for year 5/6 residential (8-10 June), but we then have the English weather to contend with. To be discussed again at next meeting.

8. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 15th March 19.30. Venue to be arranged.

9. A.O.B:

We have yet to purchase the blackboards for the back of the stage. This is ongoing.

We as a committee and representatives of the school and parents need to ensure the team involved in the canopy and new window in the main building, are thanked appropriately, possibly via Facebook and/or newsletter.

Jubilee 03.06.22 – School are joining with Diptford Jubilee Committee. They are having a tea party, possibly on the 27th. This is for Info only at present as FODS have not been asked to get involved.

Easter – FODS to provide the easter eggs for a hunt – 83 children. Amy to sort chocolate for Friday 8th of April.

Down pipe of new Canopy is at present draining onto the playground. This is run off is causing some concern, an idea would be to have this down pipe discharging into a water butt. This water could then be used for play and for the garden. Need to check with School to see if they have a plan or would this be a sensible idea. We would then need to purchase the water butt and figure out where to discharge the overflow pipe.

We should anticipate a request for funds for residential and school swimming lessons.

No 100 club balls to be drawn at present as we are up to date.