

Friends of Witchampton CofE First School AGM

9:30am 16th November 2021 (held on Zoom)

Present: Cath Mason (Chair), Sarah Edwards (Treasurer),
Margareta Wilkie-Stanley (Secretary)
Katherine Tizzard, Frances Trussell, Jodie Coda, Louisa Ambrose, Lauren Grant,
Suzie Hayter, Cassie Schofield, Laura Collie.

Apologies: Mrs Hancock

Approval of AGM Minutes 2020 – Approved

Annual Treasurers Report (SE)

Opening Balance 6th Oct 2020 - **£1756.65**

Closing Balance 4th October 2021 - **£3077.62**

Money raised.

Despite the ongoing pandemic and school closure, we have managed to raise a considerable amount this year. Thank goodness for the digital age!

The Eco-racing balloon race was a great success, raising £462.75, with minimal effort.

The Christmas raffle was also a massive fundraiser, with some incredible prizes, raising £1098, after expenses (£96 for the tickets and Lottery registration).

The Christmas cards (Cauliflower cards) were more profitable this year raising £72.50, but as we all agreed the children do enjoy it, and they make great Christmas pressies, regardless of income from them.

This was the first year we have signed up for Amazon giving, which has raised a respectable £54.58, and we also received a donation via PayPal of £31.25.

The clothing bank has benefitted from the lock down clear outs, raising £194.20, and that was with a reduced price per kg for most of the year.

Spending.

Parent kind (our annual insurance) £69.

Class Christmas presents, £265.68, each class is given a budget to spend on fun items for the whole class to enjoy, which we wrap and is delivered to school by Father Christmas. This year he even arrived by sleigh!

Easter Eggs, £72.50.

Year 4 leavers books £82.40, we buy the leavers a book each to be presented to them at the end of year leavers' service.

Miscellaneous: Blackboard paint to finish off the playground, thank you present to Father Christmas and his Elf, pegs and seeds for the spiritual garden and TEN for bingo, total £102.75.

Usually each year is allocated £100 (badgers and foxes receiving £200 as they contain 2-year groups) for the teachers to spend as they feel fit on things to enhance the children's experience at school, this could be money towards school trips or items for the classroom. Obviously with such a small amount of the last academic year being spent in school, and the lack of school trips available, nothing was spent.

SE mentioned that funds from the Bingo and Film night could not yet be added to the balance because, as they were paid using parentmail, they had gone into the Academy Trust Bank Account (Mrs Middlebrook is working to rectify this).

SE suggested we need to look at alternative payment methods. CM said there was always the option of Bacs transfers.

- SE is going to continue with our application for a charity Paypal account.
- MWS to provide some alternative payment options for the next Friends meeting.

The Meeting then Elected Committee Members/Trustees for 2021/2022

Chair – Louisa Ambrose

Nominated: Catherine Mason

Seconded: Cassie

Treasurer – Sarah Edwards

Nominated: Catherine Mason

Seconded: Katherine Tizzard

Secretary- Margareta Wilkie-Stanley

Nominated: Catherine Mason

Seconded: Louisa Ambrose

There is also an additional Trustee on our Charities Commission Submission and Cassie Scofield has agreed to remain in this role.

The Committee thanks Catherine Mason for taking on the role for so many years.

Chairman's Report (CM)

CM suggested that she had received feedback that the current Friends Committee is too large and that the Whats App group was too unwealdy. She suggested that the incoming chair might want to form a sub-committee to work on events/initiatives and make the core decisions.

AOB

None

Date of next AGM

Tuesday 4th October 2022