

Friends of SGHS

Minutes of meeting, 15 September 2021

Held at SGHS

Present: Chloe Vereker, Dawn Rollins, David Whitfield, Claire Cadman-Bond, Duncan Faulkner and Joanne Busfield

1. Apologies

Apologies from Steve, Emma and Matt.

2. Finance

See separate email. In summary, there is £6934 carried over from last school year. Of this, £5000 is allocated to the Hollow refurbishment and £392 for Year 7 planners. Other commitments / opportunities over the next year include the hardship fund and work booths in the art department, which were built over the holidays. Also Paul Braden has requested a contribution towards a £5000 purchase of robotic equipment.

3. Hollow refurbishment

The new tarmac has been installed and netball lines will be finished next week, after which the surface will be usable. However, the final acrylic top layer cannot be completed until the sun is high enough in the sky to fully dry out the surface, probably next May. Agreed to postpone the launch date until then.

4. Fundraising plans

Agreed not to run a café at the selection test day, since hardly any of us are available.

Agreed to run a **walking trail/quiz** around Skipton, followed by a café at school, on Sunday 17 October from 11am – 3pm. Cost £5 per family, to include entry to a prize draw. One free drink and cake per form handed back for year 7 or 8 pupils.

All to be invited, with Year 7/8 particularly targeted via a separate flyer. Flyer to invite/encourage parents to get involved in running other Friends events, with images of previous events.

Payment in advance by Mon 11 Oct via ParentPay. Flyer to appeal for baking to be provided by Friday 15th. Funds to go towards refurbishment of the art attic.

BBQ hot dogs. To be confirmed where rolls and dogs will come from – seek donations.

David and Chloe to coordinate the quiz, with others contributing ideas.

Agreed to aim for a **family quiz / games / curry night** (format TBC) on Friday 3 December (date TBC depending on availability of hall). Backup plan is to run this online if not possible in person.

Other ideas

- Christmas hamper
- Gin tasting night in the spring. **David** to approach Julian at Wright Wines.

5. 150 Club update

August draw has already been done. **David** will do September draw and provide the results.

David will add the 150 Club back to ParentPay after half term, for 2022. Possibility of setting up a larger draw in Dec or Jan if enough sign up.

6. AOB

Joanne to ask IT team to divert old Friends email address to the new one.

Second hand uniforms: some is currently for sale in school. Girls can be reluctant to buy, but parents may be more willing. Possibility of setting up scheme similar to Ermysteds now have, in which the SCAD shops sell second-hand uniforms. Extract from June 2021 letter to Ermysteds parents:

“The Charity is happy to accept donations at either of its shops in Skipton or Crosshills, and the School is happy to act as an intermediary if parents prefer to donate spare uniform via the School Office. If donating via one of the shops, please drop off donations on a Wednesday or Thursday, if possible, and ensure name tags are removed, clothing has been washed, and it is in a bag clearly marked as ‘Ermysted's uniform’.”

This needs someone to take a lead in setting up. John Anderton may be willing to do this.

7. Next meeting

Monday 4 October at 6.30pm in school, a brief meeting to plan the walking event.