

Friends of Woore School AGM
Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 4th November 2021, held at Woore Primary & Nursery
School

In Attendance:

Lydia Beeston (Chair)
Sarah Scott (Vice-Chair)
Jessica Lear (Treasurer)
Lorna Reeve
Jenny Fuller
Hannah Nielen-Groen
Elisia Gill
Helen Jackson

Apologies:

Claire Marsh (Secretary)
Sonya Cleverton

The Chair started the meeting by thanking everyone for all their hard work, help and achievements over the past 12 months. It has been another year in which FOWS has faced difficulties in fundraising, due to the on-going Covid pandemic, but the team has risen to the challenge.

She also read out a message of thanks from Mrs Ward which was appreciated.

Financial Update

The Treasurer went through the Annual Financial Report. Total Net Funds raised was £1293.50, and funds donated to Woore Primary & Nursery School totalled £746.99

FOWS would like to thank Debbie Owen for her help once again with the accounts.

ACTION: JL to organise a bottle of wine to say thank you.

ACTION: JL to complete the Annual Return on the Charity Commission website.

Social Media Update

LB reported that FOWS currently has 357 followers on Facebook - we started with 68 followers in 2016 so this is a great achievement.

Change in Personnel

Lydia Beeston confirmed at the meeting that she is stepping down as Chair, but will remain part of the FOWS team going forward.

Claire Marsh had confirmed earlier in the week that she would be stepping down as Secretary and will be leaving FOWS.

Sarah Scott confirmed at the meeting that she will be stepping down as Vice-Chair and will also be leaving FOWS.

Sonya Cleverton was unable to attend the meeting but had confirmed that she would be leaving FOWS.

There are three vacant positions on the FOWS committee to be filled - Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

JL confirmed that she was still happy to continue as Treasurer - this was agreed by the committee.

Helen Jackson put herself forward as the Acting Chair for the short term. This was seconded by Jessica Lear and agreed by the committee. It was agreed that HJ will be Acting Chair until 31st March 2022.

Jenny Fuller put herself forward as Vice-Chair; seconded by Lydia Beeston and agreed by the committee.

Lorna Reeve put herself forward as Secretary; seconded by Helen Jackson and agreed by the committee.

ACTION: LB to inform Mrs Ward of the changes to personnel, including the temporary nature of the Chair appointment, and of the pressing need to recruit more parents to FOWS and gain a permanent Chair.

AOB

JL confirmed that we had made £32 from the Halloween raffle, and £155 from the sale of Halloween costumes at school. The Falcon has bought the remaining costumes from FOWS - as yet we have not received the payment.

ACTION: HJ to thank Mucklestone School for their kind donation of Halloween costumes.

ACTION: - LB to follow up with Hayley at The Falcon re; payment.

Date for the Christmas present wrapping/FOWS get together was agreed as Tuesday 7th December. Claire has kindly agreed to still host.

It was discussed and agreed that FOWS would once again fund books for the children at Christmas.

ACTION: JL to contact the school for numbers.

ACTION: JL to order books.

Amazon Smile - HJ raised that this needs to be pushed more amongst parents and the community.

ACTION: HJ to organise an advert in the Parish newsletter.

HJ mentioned that St Leonards Church has asked if FOWS will sponsor a tree for their Christmas display. After discussion it was agreed that we would.

ACTION: HJ and EG to coordinate.

Keele Christmas Tree Farm - it was agreed that we will use the scheme that was used last year to raise money for the school.

ACTION: LB will speak to Keele Christmas Tree Farm and school.

ACTION: JL to update the Charity Commission with details of the new committee members.