



AGM 11th September 2023 at Slimbridge Park

Attendees: Emma, Hayley, Kirsty, Laura, Sam, Amy, Rosie, Lydia, Nikki, Kerry, Louise.

Apologies: Torz.

Minutes Approved from last meeting 26TH June 2023.

Chair Report:

“Thank you to everyone that has come along this afternoon

We have had another amazing year for FOSS. It feels fairly quieter than previous years but we have still managed to fit lots in and fund raise a fantastic amount of money for our lovely school.

I'd like to start off by saying a special thank you to Rosie and Nikki who have been our Vice Chair and Treasurer for the last two years. Nikki has decided to step down from Treasurer and Rosie has decided to step away from FOSS to focus on other commitments. Their hard work and commitment have been invaluable to FOSS and I personally wouldn't have been able to do any of our events without you both, so thank you so much both.

Secondly, I'd like to thank to all the committee members, Amy as our Secretary, our school families, and the local community for continuing to support FOSS. Every little bit helps, and we wouldn't be able to do any of this without the generosity of all involved.

Since September last year we have continued to successfully arrange regular Treat Fridays, usually once a month. This year we have sold SRG Easter Brownies, milkshakes and cookies and many ice lolly sales. These are always a great hit with the whole school community and something I think should continue this next year. In October we held our first 'Crazy Hair and Nails Day' in return of children bringing chocolate and teddy bear donations for our stall at Dursley lights. We were also lucky to receive match funding from the amount we raised from Barclays. Huge thanks to Donna for arranging this. We also held a 'Spooky Disco' which unfortunately didn't gain much interest as we had hoped but nevertheless the children had a great time. In December we held our Christmas fair at the village hall after Christmas carols at the church. This worked well for us, being indoors and everyone being responsible for the set up and running of their own stalls. It felt much less pressured than previous years! In February we finally officially opened our Mud Kitchen and had brilliant local storyteller, Bill Church come in to tell the children some stories. We also held our first Treat Friday of the year with milkshakes and cookies. The money raised from this was split between FOSS and Bills chosen charities, Alzheimer's Society and Wick Court (farms for city children).

We held our annual Quiz Night at the village hall in March, this was another sell out and a fantastic night was had by all. We received donations from Godsell's cheese and Tesco's and many amazing donations for the raffle. Thank you to Julie Chivers for organizing.

Sam started her mission of raising funds to purchase a book vending machine for the school, this would be used as a reward system for the children to receive a gold token and then be able to choose a new book that they can take home. We were lucky enough to receive donations from Dursley round table, Inner Wheel and Currency UK with FOSS funding the remaining amount.

March was a busy month with Amy managing to wangle free tickets for the whole school to attend and watch a Forest Green Rovers game. This was a fantastic day, and many families expressed their thanks and were very grateful for the opportunity.

We have also been lucky enough to receive some grants this year including £2464 from Slimbridge Solar Farm Fund for updating the lobby. Mr Taylor found local artist Imogen Harvey-Lewis who worked with the children to create images that will be displayed around the school. This is still in hand and should be completed within the coming months.

Tesco, Farm Foods and Morrisons have been especially generous with their donations this year which we have used for many of our Treat Fridays.

With the events, fundraisers and Grants, it has allowed FOSS to generously donate equipment, resources, and extra-curricular activities to the school such as:

- £100 to each class*
- Christmas pantomime at the village Hall*
- Chinese Dragon Workshop*
- Book Vending machine*
- Coronation Bookmarks*
- Year 6 leaver Hoodies*
- All in One weather suits for Forest School*
- Story Books for new Reception children*
- Half of funds for the Drama Production*
- Books for the Vending Machine*

We are extremely thankful and grateful to all the support we have received!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Head Teacher, Mrs. Hillman, to our school and finding out what ideas she has.

Thank you again!

Lydia Telka

Chair"

Treasurer Report:

Friends Of Slimbridge School Income & Expenditure

AP: 01/08/2022 To 31/07/2023

Opening Balance Annual Change Closing Balance

£ £ £

Bank 13473.94 -6618.25 6855.69

Cash in hand 366.90 300.41 667.31

Total 13840.84 -6317.84 7523.00

Events Income Expenditure Profit

Disco 14/10/22 224.96 217.91 7.05

Dursley light switch on 295.00 10.00 285.00

Xmas Fair and nativity 996.01 163.53 832.48

Treat day 10/2/23 134.84 80.86 53.98

Quiz 1084.28 284.40 799.88
treat day31/3/23 131.00 0.00 131.00
book/ ice lolly 14.78 0.00 14.78
Disco - July 412.05 144.72 267.33
lion king refreshments 143.86 6.90 136.96
treat Friday 30/6/23 85.92 35.00 50.92
0 0.00 0.00 0.00
3522.70 943.32 2579.38
Donations received
Amazon Smile 389.67 389.67
Margaret June Pavyer Trust 2000.00 2000.00
Ecclesiastical 400.00 400.00
Bunzl retail and health 400.00 400.00
Match funding - Charity trust Barclays 295.00 295.00
Solar Fund 2464.00 2464.00
Dursley round table 500.00 500.00
Slimbridge Parish Council 119.00 119.00
Donation towards book
vending machine 250.00 250.00
Donation received Telka 30.00 30.00
Inner wheel donation 100.00 100.00
Doreen 26.50 26.50
0.00 0.00
6974.17 0.00 6974.17
Donations to Slimbridge
School
School trip 2321.25 -2321.25
Happy Circus 3150 -3150.00
Smart TV 626 -626.00
Class donations 600 -600.00
Pantomime 999 -999.00
Mud Kitchen 4000 -4000.00
Chinese workshop 559 -559.00
Y6 hoody's 100 -100.00
Forest school 400 -400.00
Book vending machine 2100 -2100.00
Coronation bookmarks 200 -200.00
Drama Production 275 -275.00
New starter books 34 -34.00
banner 165.73 -165.73
Sports day treat 5.4 -5.40
Other Expenses

Small tools/equipment 457.65 -457.65

Insurance 140.00 -140.00

Post and stationery 0.00 0.00

Sundry expenses 49.18 -49.18

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Totals for Year 10496.87 17125.53 -6628.66

Debtor received from previous year 310.82

-6317.84

The £310.82 variance was from Previous year, a repayment from the school for the leaver bears.

Money from Solar fund is still waiting to be spent on artwork for the school and FoSS chair will need to chase this up due to change of head teacher.

A good year for FoSS lets hope we can do the same next year!

Meeting:

All Trustees Step down.

New Trustees voted:

Chair – Lydia and Sam to Co-Chair – Voted by Kirsty, Laura, Emma and Rosie.

Treasurer – Lydia – Voted by Kerry and Nikki.

Secretary – Emma – Voted by Lydia and Amy.

New WhatsApp Group is to be made with all new members – All members have signed to say they are happy to be added.

Next Meeting – 2nd October 2023 - 8pm At The Patch.