

MEETING MINUTES - AGM

25th September 2023, 7-7.30pm

Attendees

Zohra, Lisa, Caroline Wells, Daniel, Sarah, Seema, Caroline Roundell, Gretel, Amanda, Tamara, Sophia, Jo, Mick, Paul, Jenna Knott, Emma, Caroline Siggs, Miriam, Chantelle.

Apologies

Ben, Jenna Kenyon

Matters Arising

- Last meeting was held on 13.09.2022, no outstanding actions.

Chair's Report

Another successful academic year for Friend's of St Mary School with many fabulous and well attended events taking place. Our annual bonfire night seems to be getting bigger and better each year with more and more people attending with extended families and friends supporting us.

For the first time in many years, we held our Bonfire night on a Saturday with many hurdles thrown in our way but we pulled it off after a few phone calls without anybody even realising. A massive thank you to the Guilfoyle's for coming to our aid - this just goes to show how everyone stands shoulder to shoulder when needed.

Our Santa Run was very quiet in comparison to previous years, A huge thank you to Chris Wilson for continuing to be our designated driver. Numerous people attended and enjoyed The Quiz Night and Wine night. Our Fosms Food Fest did well again but was not as well attended as previous years, but yet again my family and the several school families that participated went above and beyond as always.

The Summer Gala was a learning curve but turned in to a great afternoon considering it was the first time we have held this event straight after school, of course there will always be trial and error when trialling something new and I think we have learnt what works and what doesn't for this.

In any events there will always be obstacles along the way but the main thing is how we overcome these and I feel as the FOSMS committee we can overcome anything that comes in our way, by working together we can achieve and accomplish absolutely anything. Under my leadership over the past 6 plus years FOSMS has raised over £63,000, baring in mind we lost out on many events due to being hit by Covid and we have improved every event and made these bigger and better than the previous years.

We have ticked off every item off the school wish list and allocated more money as items and

events were added throughout the academic years, including paying for some much needed PPE during the pandemic. I have built relationships and friendships with school families,, school staff our Church and local businesses, I am confident all these people will continue to support FOSMS.

Last year saw new School parents become active committee members, which goes to show there is always people willing to be involved given the right approach. We have a fantastic team of volunteers who give up so much of their time and resources to make FOSMS as successful as it is.

No matter what is going on in our personal lives we still give our all to FOSMS, during this year three committee members went through a massive change in their lives of losing a parent but we still showed up to host and participate events, this shows the level of commitment and dedication we all give to FOSMS.

A massive thank you to Mr Venables, Lisa, Seema and Mrs EP who have been right by my side throughout the past six years, your guidance, support and encouragement has always been appreciated. Thank you to Caroline Wells who has been a terrific treasurer especially when stepping up when we needed you to do so, but most of all you have been amazing friends being there for me in my time of need, which I will always remember.

Thank you to all committee members, past and present for following my lead whether this was hesitantly or from the heart I always have valued each and every one of you. Everything I have done for Fosms I have done wholeheartedly and gave my all, I never expected anything in return.

As a volunteer you do not necessarily have to have the time you just have to have the heart & a strong support network be that family or friends. With a very heavy heart I will be resigning from my role as Chairperson and committee member with immediate effect. I wish FOSMS all the very best and look forward to seeing all of the successful events and new things to come.

Just remember in a world where you can be anything be kind.

Zohra Nisar
Chairperson of FOSMS

Treasurer Report

- Caroline went through the events we organised this year by our hardworking FOSMS committee members and the amounts raised.
- Closing balance of £6646.59. Donated to school this year £13,275.58 for iPads etc. Thank you to Helen Adams for auditing the accounts. Non-committee members have not yet been removed from the FOSMS account.
- Those of us here present confirm that the following individuals are to be removed from the account:

Helen Dawson Smith, Rachel Strand, Jane Margerison, Lisa Nelson, Caroline Wells.

- In addition, we confirm that Seema Chudasama, Caroline Roundall, Sarah Hunt and Daniel James are to be added to the account as a signatory.

Signature:

Headteacher's Report

- Mrs Embley-Peers thanked FOSMS for their hard work and dedication to the school.
- The achievements that have enabled the school to purchase essential resources including the iPads, classroom allowance, life education bus.
- Wishlist- Life education bus ~ £700, Class room allowance ~ £200 per class= £1200, Subject Specific Allowance ~ £300/subject. Fitness Equipment ~ £1500-£8000, benches ~ £350-£500, repairs to outdoor classroom and walkway -TBC.

Committee Members

Resignation

- Zohra, Lisa, Caroline Wells and Chantelle resigning.

Committee Officers

- **Chair**
- Nominations for chair by Gretel, seconded by Caroline R : Daniel
- All in agreement.

- **Vice- Chair**
- Nominations for vice- chair by Jenna Knott, seconded by Tamara : Sarah
- All in agreement.

- Next meeting to vote on Jenna Kenyon to join Sarah in vice-chair role.

- **Treasurer**
- Nominations for treasurer by Amanda, seconded by Sarah: Caroline R
- All in agreement.

- **Secretary**
- Nominations for secretary by Amanda, seconded by Paula: Seema
- All in agreement.

New Committee Members

- Miriam, Sophia, & Emma- Welcome to FOSMS.

- **Members**
- Paula, Jenna Knott, Gretel, Ben, Amanda, Tamara, Caroline Siggs, Emma, Sophia, Miriam,

AOB AGM-related

- None raised

Date of next AGM: Tuesday 10th September 2024, 7:30pm, School