

## **Minutes of the Friends of Lamps Open Meeting held at the Black Dog 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**Present** Vanessa Willison-Pirie, Lucy Phelps, Christian Hill, Sharon Marshall, Zena Eaglestone, Sue Simpson, Heather Clough, Deena Bousie, Francine Judge, Maddi Heslop.

**Apologies** Julie White, Rachel Minshull, Tamsin O'Neill, Jackie Mayvers, Tracy Miles, Patrick Grace, Maria Brown, Sarah Slade.

**Minutes of the previous meeting** The minutes of the meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were agreed as accurate. The minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were amended.

**Treasurers' Report** Current Account balance is £6420.08 as of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2009. The balance of the Savings Account is £2225.22. The High Interest Deposit Bond account matured 29<sup>th</sup> October 2009 and £5250.17 went into the Current Account. No letter regarding the rollover has yet been received. Sharon recommended rolling over £6000.00 back into the bond. Cath Humphries (our auditor) had advised keeping a minimum in the account as a safety net. While our balances are healthy, fund raising must continue. Some monies were also outstanding from the lottery. AN invoice for £64 for the raffle tickets had also been received.

**Quiz Night and Auction** It was discussed but postponed until January. This will be run as a fundraiser. It was suggested that parents might share donation of ingredients to make a large dish such as chilli for everyone to eat along with jacket potatoes. It was decided to bin the leftover burgers and sausages from the summer BBQ which had been frozen. We will ask Stringers for a written quote to provide beer for the night (38 pints in a keg of the size provided for Mr. Barlow's Party) and possibly provide wine from Asda on a sale or return basis. Mulled wine and mince pies were also suggested to continue the festive feel. The prices would be advertised. It was suggested that people could bring their own drinks.

It was agreed that teams of four should write 10 questions for other teams based on a certain topic. Possible topics included Film, Sport, Geography, Cooking, History, Nature, Music, Soaps, CBeebies, Pantomimes, Christmas, Current Affairs and Politics. Mrs. Phelps offered to bring along a bingo machine, books and dabber to start the evening off. A letter will be sent out to ask for donations of services that could be auctioned – ideas were; be the Head Teacher for half a day, dog walking, car washing, one hours ironing, cook a meal for two or cut the grass. The event will also be advertised in Aspects in January.

**Coppers Jar** The school Council have agreed to start this in January.

**Recipe Book** Twenty recipes have so far been returned providing ten pages in a book. A collage of fruit has been sent in. Jane Smith has agreed to produce the book at a cost of £1.50 each. A letter will be sent out to ask for all recipes to be in by 23<sup>rd</sup> December at the latest.

**Gardening** Derek has written a letter voicing concerns he had regarding the gardening situation. A meeting at school had followed and he will now be paid through the school, not the Friend of LAMPS.

**Friends Membership** Several people have still not replied to the letters sent out in October.

**Christmas Raffle** A letter will be displayed on the notice board asking for donations to the Hamper.

**Mrs. Phelps** She requested to join our committee. As we are only able to vote on new members at our AGM, it was proposed by Sharon Marshall that she should occupy the role of President of Friends of LAMPS. This was seconded by Deena Bousie. She is now able to attend our closed meeting but she has no vote nor can our decisions be overturned by her.

**School Christmas Disco** The Buccleuch Hall has been booked for 14<sup>th</sup> December from 4.30 till 6.30. A food list and volunteer list will be displayed. A letter will be sent to parents requesting favourite songs. Tickets will cost £2 per child. It was agreed to not have a chocolate raffle this year but to give out prizes for games instead.

**School Christmas Plays** It was agreed to serve sherry again to parents. The children will be offered sweets from a tin.

**AOB** A request was received for a raffle prize from the Buccleuch Hall committee for their senior citizens Christmas party which was agreed.

Heather reported that she had been welcomed onto the Buccleuch Hall Management committee as our representative.

Maddi requested a cheque to pay for the CRB check for Christian Hill which was agreed.

Date of the next meeting to be arranged