

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF LAMPS HELD AT THE WELLINGTON, LOPPERGARTH ON 26.01.10

**Present:** Vanessa Willison-Pirie, Maddi Heslop, Deena Bousie, Jackie Mayvers, Mrs. Phelps, Christian Hill, Zena Eaglestone, Luli Johnstone.

**Apologies:** Sharon Marshall, Sarah Slade, Sue Simpson, Rachel Minshull.

As all people present were committee members, it was agreed to progress straight to the closed meeting.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** These were read and approved.

**Matters arising:** It was agreed that both minutes from open and closed meetings should be published on the school website and the notice board.

School Disco – everyone agreed that this had been a good night and there was very positive feedback for this.

**Treasurers' report:** This was given by Vanessa as both treasurers were absent. So far, all profits have increased on last years events. Profits are: from the Christmas raffle £611.36, from the school disco £104.63, from the lottery £619.50.

The balances of our accounts are; Current Account £2,315.89, Deposit Bond £5,250.17, Deposit Account £2,224.96, Petty cash £8.11 with total assets of £9,799.13.

We have purchased football gloves at a cost of £16.98.

Mrs. Phelps queried the frequency of the lottery draw and this will be clarified with Rachel Minshull.

There is an outstanding donation of £41 to be presented to the Childrens' ward at Furness General from last years quiz at the plant sale. Vanessa will contact Sharon to remedy this. It was suggested that the Evening Mail should be contacted for the presentation.

**Games Night:** Mrs. Phelps will come back to us with a date in March for this event. It will be held from 3.30pm until 5pm. It was decided to split the games in to class groups and use our knowledge of last year's event to better appropriate the games to ages. It was suggested to put games in the classrooms and to encourage the children to move around all the classes. As we will also be able to take advantage of the bigger school hall, we will try to use the parachute for games. Hot dogs and juice will be served. It was also suggested that it might be an opportunity for some games requiring loose change to be aimed at adults and any monies could be donated to the residential trip fund.

**Talent Show:** Mrs. Phelps will suggest an appropriate date for this to minimise any clash with other events (possibly in June). We will ask at Dowdales for lighting again and Jackie will ask at Ormsgill school if we can borrow their stage blocks. Stuart Heslop will be asked for the use of his trailer to transport these items. It was suggested to run a basket auction at this event. Stringers will be asked to provide the beer. It was agreed to have winners in infant, junior and senior sections this year. Adults could enter for fun. The trophies from last year will be engraved and presented again to this year's winners. Everyone who enters will get a medal. The distribution of tickets will be reviewed to avoid last year's confusion. Ideas for judges are needed. Christian suggested holding the event at Pennington Memorial Hall as it is bigger and already has a stage. He will find out details.

**Plant Sale:** This is planned for May 15<sup>th</sup> 10am until 12pm. Maddi will book the hall. We will ask Mrs. Smith again re the ordering of plants and the use of her greenhouse and also ask Sandra and Luli for greenhouse help again. It was agreed to order more geraniums than last year. It was stated that we must ensure any donations to the plant sale are free, as last year we were asked to pay expenses not previously agreed to which cut down our profit. It was agreed to plant up our own pots again and Luli has a gardener friend who could help us also. We will also run a coffee morning and cake stall. The children from class 3 will be encouraged to run their own stalls again and to organise games avoiding duplication. It was agreed to limit the space available for the book stall this year as

last year there was not enough space for the children's games to be inside due to the inclement weather.

Last year, it had been agreed that the children should retain their profits and we would open a bank account for them to be responsible for any money they raised. The same will happen this year. It was agreed to contact Sharon and see if the bank would be willing to match the profit made through their charity scheme as they did previously.

We will advertise through Aspects, 2 months prior to the event, and also through Radio Cumbria and Bay Radio. Road signs will also be placed.

**Auction Night:** This is planned for April 24<sup>th</sup> in Buccleuch Hall. Promised prizes so far include Head teacher for half a day and a meal voucher for 2 at the Royal Oak, Spark Bridge. It was agreed to have a band and a quiz with people bringing their own food and drink. Vanessa will enquire to see if her band friends will perform for a reduced rate.

**Recipe book:** it was agreed to abandon this for the time being. Instead, we will look to producing a calendar for this Christmas with school photographs on it. Jackie will try to get a quote from Vista for this.

**Any Other Business:** All CRBs are now up to date for all committee members.

A card had been received from Carol Hart expressing her support and thanks for all the work the committee undertake.

Vanessa will chase up the provision of a notice board for Friends information.

An email had been received from the NCPTA suggesting a sponsored sleepover as a fund raiser.

School Library – It had been noticed that our library could use a few more books and it was suggested that we could introduce a sponsored book scheme via the myschool website. Audio tapes could also be purchased this way. Mrs. Phelps will be asked her opinion on this. Reference books to loan for parents might be purchased on a variety of topics including anti-social behaviour, bed wetting and dealing with bereavement or illness.

Committee roles have now been clarified and are as follows;

Full committee and trustee members – Zena Eaglestone, Sharon Marshall, Maddi Heslop, Deena Bousie, Vanessa Willison-Pirie, Rachel Minshull, Tracy Miles, Jackie Mayvers, Sarah Slade, Tamsin O'Neill, Christian Hill, Luli Johnstone. A quorum of only 6 is now required.

Helper Members – Patrick Grace, Julie White, Francine Judge, Maria Brown, Kirsty Wicks, Heather Clough.

Resigned members – Alan Jackson, Janine Gray.

Uniforms – Deena expressed concern that the new P.E T shirts are narrow and not wide enough for the older children. She will check the supplier to see if a wider width is available. Another supplier from Coniston is offering the same quality at a £1 less and it was agreed to ask for a sample and check with Mrs.Phelps.

Vanessa showed the new Welcome Booklet for all parents new to the school.

**Date of the next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
At the Wellington**