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Welcome

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Treasurer's Summary - AGM October 2020

The accounting year for 2019/20 ended on 30th September 2020. Although the figures here are preliminary, the overall numbers should not change much.

Our operations netted a loss of £3650 in 2019/20 due to loss of events and the funding we had agreed to.

In total £17,370 was donated to the school, of which £7k was a grant from Harpenden Building Society that we cashed on their behalf.

Total profit from events was less than £1000, as we did not get to hold the EEH, Summer Fayre or Summer Quiz/Year 6 Activity. The EEH would have likely covered the gap we had alone.

Because revenues were below £25k (annually) the accounts don't need to go via the Charity Commission. This was the worst year (money-wise) making it the easiest year to write up the accounts. They are now in the process of being moved across to Wilma.

There is currently £11,600 in the account.

Chair's Summary - AGM October 2020

Purpose of FOHA

To develop effective relationships between staff, parents, others associated with the school and also the wider community in order to engage with activities, and provide facilities/equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.

The Friends committee comprises 8 roles: Chair (Duncan Rose), Sub-Chair (Nicola Lewis), Events Coordinator (Paul Molloy), Sub-Events Coordinator (Becci Madole), Secretary (Jo Harman), Treasurer (Angus Halkett), Sub-Treasurer (Wilma Solomon)

At the AGM, all positions are open for election/re-election – anyone in the school community can put themselves forward for a committee role.

Highlights

- ✓ Comedy night was a success.
- ✓ There seemed to be more volunteers than usual, just sadly unused.
- ✓ People started using the Amazon Smile account.

Lowlights

- Covid-19, School closure and loss of most of 2020's income.
- We were unable to hold the Easter Egg Hunt or Summer Fayre. Easter was a hot week, so significant revenue was lost on the EEH alone.

Members

Everyone in the school community is automatically a member of the Friends. Our meetings are open to all. The meeting schedule for 2020-2021 will be distributed later in the year.

Events

There was a very well-run Comedy night, with lots of people pulling together to get the night running smoothly and Rob running the bar. It is worth having a well thought out plan in place well in advance of events taking place, the evening was efficiently run because of this happening.

There are a few parents that have lots of experience in running our events, but it is now a transition period where events and sales of Christmas trees need to be passed on the new parents.

A key learning from last year's Easter Egg hunt was that more children wanted to do the egg-hunt than the trail. Next year we should therefore go back to basics with the EEH (Covid restrictions permitting).

It is really important to have some ideas for events that we are able to run with current restrictions and we must act on these quickly and enthusiastically; it probably won't be long before Hertfordshire is added to Tier 2.

Event Earnings

Comedy Night	£857
Christmas Trees	£1543
Panto	£622
Uniform	£1330
EEH	£99

Spending

Spend across 2019-2020 included the following:

School Trips	£1,100
Librarian System	£620

Annual outgoings:

Empiribox	£4.1k annually
School trip subsidy	£300 per class annually
Classroom Resources	£100 per class annually

Plans for 2020/21

This year, the current key events being planned are a Comedy night (in groups of 6) and The Pumpkin Trail. Jackie and Shavalyea are taking control of FOHA and they have lots of ideas.

We also need to look to ways to engage the entire school in fundraising events to maximise the income generated. In the current climate I think that people will be eager to attend events as there are so few of them happening.

In summary

The past year was overshadowed by the Covid-19 pandemic which had a devastating impact on our fundraising. We are now looking forward to 2020/21 and some fresh thoughts and ideas.