

# **Friends of the Mead (FOM) Meeting**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

## **Minutes**

*Present: Lucy Renton, Kate Corby, Alice Grebot, Lucy Jones, Tammy James, Claire Chattendon, Caroline Winning, George Else, Kate Glover, Emma Kent, Ele Dexter, Alice Patience, Sarah Morley, Tamsin Turley, Nicole Morton, Marion Borrageiro, Ruth Campbell*

*Apologies: James Piggot, Emma Howarth, Gemma James, Candace Parker, Caroline Bolton, Anna Dixson*

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### **WELCOME**

- Sarah Morley welcomed all present. There were no comments on the previous meeting's minutes

### **SUMMER FAYRE, SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE FROM 12PM - 2PM**

#### **GAZEBOS & ICE BOXES**

-A couple of Reps enquired as to gazebo availability and were asked by the Committee to source/borrow their own (the school's gazebo's are being used for Sports Day, and Nicole Morton's three have already been allocated). Buss Murton's gazebo situation will be checked ASAP - the recommendation is for them to supply their own, as Fullers are doing for the barbeque. ALL STALLS NEED GAZEBOS.

-Kate Corby has one gazebo for Kindy/Pre-Reception. Y3 will source their own gazebo(s) for the Bar & Cakes, checking with James Piggott if he has a couple they can borrow. Reception are supplying their own gazebos. One gazebo is needed for Y2, Alice Patience will check dimensions.

-Both Buss Murton and the Bar require ice boxes. Emma Kent, Ele Dexter and Kate Corby all have boxes they are willing to lend. If more are needed, Committee will check with Jeni Sachs.

#### **BAR & CAKES**

-Approximate beverage volumes for the Bar will be as follows (no straws):

3 x white wine, 50 x beer

30 x regular coke, 30 x diet coke

2 x 2L orange squash, 2 x 2L blackcurrant squash (jugs to be borrowed from school)

2 x elderflower cordial, 8 x 2L sparkling water, tap water

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-A Bar honesty box will be in operation during Sports Day, so that no parents miss out on seeing their children participate in the races.

-There will be a recycling station at the Bar for paper, plastic, glass: Y3 Reps will bring green recycling boxes from home and the Committee will bring bin bags from the FOM Shed.

-Committee will request that all cake donations are brought to the event on the actual day, rather than delivered to school the day before as per last year. Cakes will be served on napkins and presented on trays (knives needed).

## **STALLS**

-Class Reps have no major concerns re: their allocated stalls, and are continuing to drum up volunteer support. Emma Kent requested that a feedback form is included with all floats, for completion by Reps at Fayre-end.

-It was agreed that breakfast pastries will be sold on the Tea and Coffee stall, at 0.50p each. Teas and Coffees will be sold for £1. Volunteers are needed to man this stall between 9am and 10am. Please contact Ruth in the office if you can help (Elizabeth will man the stall between 12pm and 2pm, with Ruth Campbell and Lucy Renton helping out).

-Buss Murton still need to set their Pimms prices.

-Kate Corby and Tamsin Turley volunteered to take the money during the lunchtime BBQ, at 12:00 and 12:30 respectively. One extra BBQ volunteer is needed. It was agreed that there would be no vegetarian BBQ this year, due to a lack of volunteers to run it.

-Caroline Winning confirmed that there will be 3 parents manning the Large Inflatable at all times, with one supervising children at the top. Caroline will supply some towels for the children to go down on, in case the inflatable gets very hot (it does have a small canopy). Price revised to 0.50p for one go, to better manage large volumes and repeat rides.

-Nicole Morton will ensure the Pie Face stall has water sprays, paper towels, wet wipes etc. to clear up messy faces, and in the unlikely case that cream goes in someone's eyes. Kate Glover, Kate Corby and Claire Chattendon will lend their own Pie Face games to the stall (two single games and one double game).

-An email re: donations will be put out ASAP for the Y1 Bric a Brac stall

-It was agreed that prizes for the Coconut Shy could be chocolates, on this occasion (mini Bounty bars). All other stallholders should refrain from awarding sweet or chocolate prizes.

- Penalty Shoot Out pricing was revised to £1 for 3 goes (from 0.50p).

-Y2 will purchase extra face paints for the event as current stock is out of date. Their pricing was revised as follows: £0.50 / £1.00 / £2.00.

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-It was agreed that The Mead School canvas shopping bags will be sold at two price points: £4 and £6 respectively. They will be sold on the following stalls: Raffle, Bottle Tombola, Bric a Brac (and potentially a few others tbc). Free pens are included in each bag sale.

-Unfortunately the Massage Therapist stall will not be going ahead, due to lack of availability.

## **GENERAL**

-Alice Patience and Sarah Morley have contacted various local Fire Station and Air Ambulance depots to see if one of them would be willing to attend our Fayre, but are still waiting to hear back. If it happens, it will likely be confirmed at the last minute.

-The Committee are still investigating live music options. If you know anyone who is in a choir or band and who would like to volunteer their services between 12:15 and 1:15, please let Ruth in the office know ASAP. In tandem, Kate Glover is putting a request on the Rye Jazz Instagram page.

-The raffle will be called at 1:15pm

-Both before and after the event, male volunteers are needed to help assemble/disassemble gazebos, tables and equipment etc. Help is also needed back at school, to unload the trailer. Please enlist yourself, or other halves!

## **AOB**

- It was agreed that, from September, FOM meetings would be held on a Wednesday morning at 8:30am, to give all (new) committee members the best chance of attending.

- Mrs Webster requested FOM funding to transform the current Tranquil Garden in to a Sandpit (with water butt), as this area is not necessarily used now in the capacity it was intended several years ago. The sandpit would be the first part of a bigger "Loose Parts Play" proposal (championed by education experts and academics) which all year groups will benefit from. A sum of approx. £1000 was requested and an official proposal from Mrs Webster will follow, following which the Committee will reach a funding decision.

<http://www.readingplay.co.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAAyADUAMgB8AHwARgBhAGwAcwBIAHwAFAA4AHwAQ>

- Mrs Newland has requested that the school participate in this year's European Day of Languages, which takes place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. FOM will look in to how it could be supported. Options discussed included each class being given a different language to learn about and/or short stories or poems being read in other languages (by willing bilingual parents) etc.

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