

FRIENDS OF REED SCHOOL

Reed First School, Jackson's Lane,
Reed, Royston, HERTS, SG88AB
Charity Commission no. 1091180

2020 AGM
5th October 2020

Attendees: A.H,G.A,V.W,C.L,T.S, J.H,J.A,S.M,S.G,C.E,P.W,K.L

A.H Chair's Report: Overview of the year and achievements. Current committee of A.H,G.A,C.L and J.K who subsequently moved.

Obviously a weird year but have achieved quite a bit. Thanks to exiting committee for their work in 2018/19 and for delivering the Xmas wrap even after their official role had finished.

Many planned events had to be cancelled because of COVID: Yoga morning, Tea Party, Mad Science.

Completed:

- One informal get together, to promote communication within parent body and newer, more relaxed style of involvement in FORS. Lots of ideas were presented re parental engagement.
 - Artwork was donated by A.H after an auction through her workplace, valued at £500 and donated to the school, an option to sell if funds are needed.
 - Parent survey on how we can best communicate with the parent community.
 - Leavers Hoodies
 - New Starters pack which included a teddy, lots of positive feedback from this.
 - New Parent welcome pack
 - Frozen Friday, lollies at school gate which hopefully will transform into Friday tuck shop as the weather gets colder.
 - Keepsake gift- string exact height of child when they begin at Reed, again very positive feedback.
 - Bodyshop pamper party, thanks to P.W for hosting and for the sample packs.
- + this translated into having some items available for a raffle later in the year.

C.L Treasurer's Report

30.9.19 Balance was £20,780 of which 19,064.66 ringfenced for library project.

We have generated income this year, despite the ball being cancelled. We were fortunate to incur no expenses (e.g cancellation fee), and we could use the donations we received.

Income: £437 from cards, wrap and reed summer fayre.
£749.69 from donations

Expenditure: £1282.18 of which £650.50 was for the panto.

The school budget will not stretch to things like this so FORS is much appreciated to give

the children these treats which they so enjoy.

2020/21 Opening Balance : £2,218.51

Also received interest of £21.

Something we need to look into is what to do when HSBC in Royston closes, perhaps need to think creatively in terms of online payments, etc.

As in previous years Peter McMeekin has kindly agreed to audit our accounts and send a report to the charities commission.

Election Process

2 nominations this year. G.A for Secretary and C.L Treasurer. Seconded by C.E and A.H respectively. G.A appeals for help and support and explains the role is as involved as ladies would like to make it. J.A and S.G subsequently volunteer to be elected members.

No Chair, unprecedented. Next FORS meeting will be largely to determine what role FORS has within the school community moving forward. Scheduled for 23rd Nov 2020