



Minutes of Friends of Watford Grammar School for Boys,

Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts WD18 7JF

Held on 22ND September 2015 @ 7.30pm

Room L111 in the Main Block

Attendance

Archana Singh - Chair

Luzia Lai

Effie Stevenson

Jeanette McLeod

Rachael Spears

Victoria Conquest

Germaine Matthews –Secretary

Anne Marie Farnsworth

Howard Wall

Silvia

Aleema

Nayan Das

Danielle Wright

Amanda Hardy – Treasurer

There was another new member cannot recollect her name short hair.

Apologies

Deborah Bush

Sanjay Ashar

Kathryn Bourke

Paul Marmer

Carole Boyle

Sharon Montgomery

Tim Howes

Cheryl Kent

Howard Wall

Bhavna Shah

Elaine Hudson

1/ Welcome and Thank you

- **To the new head teacher (Mr Cooksey) for inviting friends for a welcome meeting in his office.**
- **The committee looks forward to working with Mr Cooksey in the future**

1/Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were agreed at the meeting.

2/Event Dates and Meetings

- Meetings need to change to accommodate the group- Wednesdays in future
- Dates for future meetings will be 13th Jan, 16th March, 11th May, 22nd June and 8th July 2016
- Support at the new Year 7 evening required –Amanda, Jeanette and Deborah will be working.
- Parents cheese and wine evening – Wednesday 14th October 2015
- Quiz Night 14th November 2015

The committee agreed on 4 events in principle for next year

- Talent Show – Was party in the park a joint event with Talent show?
- Party in the park
- Golf Day
- Bollywood Barn Dance

Sub Committees formed to work on each event and bring the details to the meetings so the committee can agree them.

The Talent Show - Need the dates , we gave a date to Effie to check the availability for the James theatre. Also Effie to check Mr Hussey's support for the event, AS to check other parent support.

This could be held in St James?? Between 2pm and 10.00pm – The sub-committee is:

- Deborah
- Rachael
- Archana
- Sanjay (Sanjay and Deborah agreed in their absence)

The Golf Day AS to speak to Jay and Rita for this event and confirm their availability

This would be held by Jay any Wednesday between 10th and 20th March – a corporate event for networking – to include: Breakfast (9/18 holes). Sponsorship to be from local companies either held at the Grove or Moor Park. The committee are looking for a £40 to £50 profit margin. Approximate charge £130 per head.

Bollywood Barn Dance Summer event, need the dates , think it was 23rd of June last day of GCSE exam

The committee wanted to try something wacky – something that has never been tried before. This would be a blend of different types of music food and theme. The sub-committee will be:

- Archana
- Germaine
- Jeanette
- Nayan
- Howard
- Alleena
- Jeanette

Volunteer Parent Helper Groups

Information to go out about School Events please put first, second or third choice next to each event so we know that we may be able to call on committee.

Quiz Night (14th November)

- The cost will be £20 after half term £18 early bird before (before 1st Nov)
- Last year was down by 25%
- The new headmaster should encourage new bookings
- Danielle will be stepping down from running the quiz and requested succession planning
- DW to send the Flyer to DB and then EF
- 200 max – 10 per table
- to serve a free welcome drink and nibbles at the table to justify the increased cost

3/Grant Applications

- £25,000 to go to the Mini Bus re Mr Allcorn
- £10,000 balance left
- £10,000 application for lap top trolleys – in principal agreed but can be paid later
- £276 for Lego challenge –Discussion re Lego challenge students it involves – approved and agreed
- £8000 on professional cameras for making films for their peer groups – to think of other ideas to support especially any sponsorships

The group decided to agree the funds at the next meeting putting areas on hold until they could see match funding revenue from the summer ball.

4/AGM

The details of the AGM were discussed there was some confusion over the number of days required to give members enough advance notice.

Archana agreed to follow this up and let members know through ES.

5/Any other business

None

