

44th AGM Friends of Coulsdon C of E School
Minutes of meeting held on Friday 26th April 2019 3.30pm
in the school

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| Present: | Lisa Barnes, Gemma Barton, Natasha Bloxham, Nicola Bulbeck, Suzanne Carlton, Joan Christie, Lene Fulbrook, Anna Hills, Rachael Jolley, Jill Martin, Karen Newsome, Nicola Reynolds | |
| Apologies: | Nikki Bradford, Dee Collins, Sophie Holmden, Deborah Jackson, Sascha Koszarek-Prowse, Mrs Mitchell, Shirley Morgan, Rebecca Ross, Jo Sturtevant, Katie Winyard | |
| Item number | Item Notes | Action |
| 1 | <p><u>Welcome from Secretary – Jill Martin</u> Jill welcomed everyone to the AGM.</p> <p><u>Brief word from Mrs Newsome (representing Mrs Mitchell)</u> Mrs Newsome passed on the thanks and gratitude of the staff to the Friends and all the parents of the school for the funds raised and the events organised over the last year.</p> | |
| 2 | <p><u>Minutes from last year's AGM</u> The minutes from 2018 were approved (proposed by Natasha Bloxham, seconded by Suzanne Carlton). No matters arising.</p> | |
| 3 | <p><u>Treasurer's Report – Anna Hills</u> AH reported another very good year for fundraising with £15,833 profit raised for the school. The total amount was slightly down on last year (£1415 less) due to various documented reasons, for example lower attendance at the Summer BBQ. The biggest earners were: May Ball (£5505); Quiz, Summer BBQ and Parents Christmas party (all around £1100 profit); cake sales, Christmas Fair and Village Fair (all over £900); Football tournament (£830). It was noted that less profitable events like Fireworks and children's discos are fun and worthwhile occasion which contribute to the community atmosphere of the school. Contributions to the school during 2017/2018 came to nearly £18500 and included funding for new Chromebooks, technology equipment for the hall, new play area for Reception and contributions for classroom resources. Progress has been made in setting up a new Barclays account which will merge May Ball and Main Account into one and facilitate electronic payments. The three signatories will be Joint-Chair Natasha Bloxham, new Treasurer Nicola Bulbeck, and it was agreed, new Joint-Chair, Rachael Jolley. Jennifer Allen has agreed to remain as independent examiner for the accounts. The current available funds are just over £40000 with a promising start to the current fundraising year. The Friends therefore invited the school / Mrs Mitchell to update a wish list and request the appropriate funds. A suggestion was made to offer each teacher/year group a sum to spend on resources at the beginning of the school year. If helpful, the school community could be also be approached for</p> | <p>NicBul</p> <p>Mrs Mitchell</p> |

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| | assistance with purchasing or sourcing equipment. | |
| 4 | <u>Retiring Committee Members</u> JM and SC thanked all retiring committee members: Alex Benton, Suzanne Carlton, Anna Hills, Jill Martin | |
| 5 | <u>Election of Committee</u> Re-elected and newly-elected committee members were proposed by Suzanne Carlton and Jill Martin. New: Joint-chairs – Natasha Bloxham and Rachael Jolley Treasurer – Nicola Bulbeck Secretary – Nicola Reynolds New class representatives: YR – Zoe Whicheloe Y1 – Sophie Holmden Y3 – Julia Sharpe The Friends' constitution will need to be amended to allow a Joint-Chair. This is a matter for future consideration but it was agreed by everyone present that in principle there were no objections and that the Committee could proceed. Outgoing members were thanked and new members welcomed. | Jill Martin to look at Constitution |
| 6 | <u>Chair Lady Address – Suzanne Carlton</u> Suzanne echoed her thanks to the Committee and expressed her excitement for and support to the new team going forward. | |
| 7 | <u>Discussion – Q&A</u> Lene Fulbrook proposed that in future new parents of Reception starters to be invited to attend the AGM. This may not be appropriate according to when the AGM is held but it was agreed that the Friends should be visible at the New Parents Meeting and to raise awareness of who the committee are. Another option discussed was to have a designated Facebook page for Friends activities or a presence on the main school website for easy reference. | |
| 8 | <u>Any Other Business</u> No other business. The AGM was closed. | |