



## **AGS FRIENDS MINUTES**

**Thursday 19 September, 7pm - in the Sports Hall**

### **In Attendance**

Y.Bruton, H.Silcox, G.Farrington, W.Stephens, J.Gilmour, K.Ellicott, S.Kandola, K.O'Donnell, A.Hyland

### **Apologies**

R.Thorpe, J.Parry, C.Vanstone

### **1. Welcome, introductions and declarations of interest**

Everyone introduced themselves and their connection to the school.  
No declarations of interest were declared.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

These were agreed. GF has done a summary of earnings so far. Thank you letters were sent at the end of term to companies who donated prizes for the quiz. PTFA now has a gambling licence.

VB thanked JP for all her work on ordering refreshments for the year 13 leavers celebration.

SK suggested that we ask pupils for feedback as to what they would want at a leavers celebration so we can buy appropriate products.

### **3. AGS Friends leaflet and overview**

VB explained that our target is to raise £10,000. Whilst ambitious, this works out at approximately £8 per student and funds are being raised for IT equipment. £2,000 has already been raised since PTFA started. AGSF now has a Facebook page with 45 followers. All asked to follow the page and invite friends to join. The PTFA Volunteers

Whatsapp group has been established and successful with over 20 people who have joined.

**Action - VB to publish rules of the Whatsapp group again now that we have a lot of new members.**

**HS to keep adding new members who express an interest.**

#### **4. Proposed outline for activity for the year**

Dates of events and meetings discussed. Majority agreed that dates were convenient. AGSF outline document was discussed. A google form to be set up and sent out to everyone to capture everyone's availability to help with planning.

**Action - VB to draft form to share with volunteers via Whatsapp group**

#### **5. Event planning**

For the information evenings, a scaled down offer of tea, coffee, bottled water and snacks on offer before and after the meeting. VB to trial this and the set up on 30 September. Serving from 5.40pm in the theatre extension, school is not open before this. Will need one member of the committee who is DBS checked each evening to supervise volunteers.

Parents evenings will take place face to face this year and refreshments will be served.

Termly concerts - these work well when there is an interval.

Sports day - still under discussion. KE suggested an ice cream van and the committee has a percentage of the profits made. KE also suggested selling face paint in house colours in advance of sports day.

School play is over three nights. Committee to possibly serve refreshments and sell alcohol.

A main PTFA event to be held at Easter as the summer term is too busy for elected committee members.

A Christmas raffle is being planned with the theme of the school's house colours. RTU has been asked to help with this.

Bingo night - 22 November. To have an in the room raffle and a separate online raffle.

Pizza Night - it was agreed that after school would be better rather than pupils needing to come back.

EasyFundraising has already been set up with the previous PTA.

Car parking at school for events in Alcester - day time events work better as the sports hall is used in the evenings for clubs. Possibly do this for the Food Festival in May.

VB suggested getting branded cups for events; removes issue of single use plastic/paper cups for social events and raises funds. To be discussed further.

GF to lead on EasyFundraising and get information ready for the information evenings to add to the slides that RT will present.

School lottery to be launched to each year group at the information evenings. GF explained how the school lottery will work.

**Action - HS to find out where refreshments will be served at parents evening.**

HS to speak to the Head of Drama regarding refreshments for the school play.  
GF to look into options for online raffle as PTA events took 30% last time they were used. Peoples Fundraising might be an option  
VB to look into whether we need a licence to show a film. GF to send VB what she has found out so far.  
VB to add the Food Festival to the list of dates.  
HS to speak to the DofE co-ordinator about student volunteers for events.  
VB to look at the cost of branded cups.  
HS/WS to find out how a bingo event is run.  
HS to ask PR to be the bingo caller.  
SK to look into the cost of equipment, books etc for the bingo night.  
KO will ask the Physiotherapy clinic where she works if they would donate a prize.  
QR code for lottery to be printed out for information evenings.

## **6. Date of next meeting**

Weds 13 November - earlier start time of 6pm so that everyone can socialise afterwards. Suggested a meal - availability/interest to be sought.