



Friends of St Ignatius (FIGS) – Meeting 1 – 17/09/2018

Chair – Kathy Campaniello

Minutes – Gill Conway (Secretary)

Attendees –Kathy Campaniello (Chair), Teresa Neary (Staff Link), Patricia Carry (Treasurer), Gill Conway (Secretary), Caroline Ryan, Siobhan Bailey, Jennifer Webb, Diana Martinez, Sharon Martinez, Markos Markou and welcome to new members Luliana Ladan, Karen Wodynski, Michele Wodynski, Mary Mante and Sara Duncan.

Apologies – Debbie Shaw (Vice-Chair), Suzanne Randle and Tracy Shaw

Review of last minutes

Items on agenda refer to minutes of last meeting as they need further discussion, so minutes of the last meeting are agreed/passed.

Kathy welcomed the new members and everyone was introduced. The Figs committee concept and what we do was explained to the new members. They will be added to the mailing distribution list and minutes will be circulated soon after the meeting. Minutes are also available on the school website.

Discos

The discos for the following year are

28/09	year 10 and 11
30/09	year 7
01/02	year 8 & 9

Kathy explained to the committee that the decision about hosting the discos was discussed between the heads of St Anne's and St Ignatius, and was taken out of Figs hands. As a result, St Anne's will host all discos at the Palmers Green site for this academic year (2018-2019) with St Ignatius hosting the 2019-2020 season. The funds will be accrued that St Annes will keep their ticket sales and St Ignatius will keep their ticket sales. The host school will pay DJ and caretaking costs but will retain any tuck shop profits.

There was some discussion about this being financially viable for Figs to run, so should be discussed at some point again by the committee in preparation for next year 2019-2020.

As yet no school communication has gone out about tickets for the Friday 28th September.

Prom – May 2018

The prom was led by Caroline Ryan, supported by St Anne's and a willing group of 6th formers and Figs volunteers. It was a wonderful event and the costs are currently being balanced with St Anne's and should be complete by the AGM.

The new committee members were shown photos and given a flavour of the event.

It was suggested that early prep work is vital when organising the Y11 Prom. This is something for the school to bear in mind for this current Y11 if they are contemplating a Y11 Prom this year.

Quiz

The next Quiz night will be on Friday 2nd November. Gill Conway explained how it works to the new members and encouraged them to come along as this is currently the schools major fundraiser. The committee are asked if they can support hosting a whole table or if not joining the Figs table.

The Quiz is being written and communication and the booking process will go out next week.

Once again the committee are asked if they have any items suitable as raffle prizes, to bring them to the AGM as they will be gratefully received as another major fundraising source.

Happy School Bags

The dates that were finally available and agreed were

Wednesday	7 th November 2018
Friday	25 th January 2019
Friday	5 th April 2019
Tuesday	18 th April 2019

We accept both children's and adult clothes including paired shoes, accessories (hats, belts, etc...), soft toys and bed linen.

Textile items (clothes, shoes, sheets, hats, bags and soft toys etc) can be sent in in the bag provided (or a black bin liner) on the day listed or ONE day before. **Please note: duvets, pillows, blankets, or curtains are NOT accepted.**

Once again this is a valuable fundraiser raising around £1,000 per year.

Proposed dates for next year (2019-2020) should be discussed at the AGM and booked early with the company and the school diary. Teresa was asked if it is possible to obtain the school calendar dates for 2019-2020

The Way forward and General Discussion

- Kathy explained that the Aviva Community Fund is once again open if the school want to consider bidding for a sum of money for a project. Last year we got down to the national final so if the school want to bid then they need to apply, via the Figs registered charity, as soon as possible as the deadline is approaching. DEADLINE is Tuesday 9th October 2019.
- St Ignatius took part in the green token fundraising at Waitrose a few years ago, but it was raised that the committee should try Tesco's community fundraising. This is to be added to the agenda for next time as an action point.
- Sara Duncan also explained that one of the local building societies has the Friends of Chase Side as its local charity. There was discussion if this came from a 'contact' and once again the committee talked about how to capture any parents who might be able to help.
- Sara Duncan also talked about the opportunity of running a car boot sale. This has been discussed at previous meetings but the committee need to see the cost and tie viability of such an event. Mrs Duncan will try to find out some information and feedback at the next meeting.
- Kathy explained that a pro-forma is usually sent to all year heads for them to make fundraising requests. Kathy and Trisha will compile a list of this year's financial commitments to see if there are enough funds to cover these events.
- The committee confirmed that dress down days and bake sales were done to fundraise for charities rather than for in-school fundraising. The school council have been considering other events that they would like to see in school.
- Kathy explained to the new members about the success of this year's Summer celebration. This was done by better marketing, company sponsorship and a high presence of Figs members and the 6th form team. The BBQ food was very popular and well received, due to a great team of 'cookers'! There were many 'have a go stalls' which were fun for all. Football was one of the most popular events which should be capitalised on again in the future! It would also be great to build on the musical performance element, which would involve many boys. It was explained that it is vital to have a date asap if this event is proceeding again this year, as planning started for last year's celebration in January for July.

AGM – A letter has gone out to all parents inviting them to the AGM on Monday 2nd October and also to the Chair of Governors - Mr Donnelly. Please try to attend as this is our one time of the year where it would be nice to see some new faces again.

We look forward to seeing you all on the Monday 2nd October.

PLEASE NOTE THE LINKS BELOW WHICH WE SUGGEST ALL PARENTS VISIT
AND SIGN UP TO HELP RAISE FUNDS

Easy Fundraising Link is:-

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fostienfield/?t=PTA-UK-lo&v=a&=>

Happy To School Bags

<http://www.happyschoolbag.co.uk/>