

## **Friends of Woodberry Down – Minutes 03/11/17**

**Attendees:** Iwona Sen, Demet Uletas, Kelly Wong, Toni Burton, Pamela Slocombe, Aneta Swoboda, Zahid Ali, Angela Buxton, Anne Tipton

### **Halloween Disco**

The disco was a great success, the children had a great time and we sold over 250 tickets. We made £263 profit.

Thank you to Angela for organising, and to everyone who put in so much effort.

The dining hall was a great space to use.

Next time we do an event with tickets we need to chat to the office to work out if they're happy to sell tickets alongside us or not. There was some confusion around this.

### **Bank Balance:**

£5942.93

### **Spending Funds:**

The group would like to spend money asap on something that all children can enjoy. We would like to do this so that parents can see where the money is going. Anne has a quote of £15,000 to replace one of the pieces of play equipment in the large playground (something that school does not have funding to do). The group does not want to wait for another 2 years to save up that much money. Instead Kelly will look into lottery funding, and Pam will ask businesses for donations. Demet will ask some builders if they can offer anything for free. The idea would be to top up what we already have.

In the meantime Zahid and Anne will look into other options (a large school trip for example)

### **Parents**

It was reported that some parents would like Friends of Woodberry Down to offer more free events and that they would prefer not to be asked for donations as much. It was brought up that the school used to have lots of free community events.

The group's response is that we are primarily a fundraising group, and that we do not have the resources to put on free events, unless we spend the money already raised. We also struggle for time to get all of the donations that we would need from local businesses to offer more things for free. We would like parents who feel that they'd like more community based, free events, to get on board and help us to do this.

### **Winter Fair**

We would like to do this on parent's evening again this year (5<sup>th</sup> Dec). Anne will confirm dates asap. Berkeley have offered a grotto again. So far these people have offered their help:

Kelly – decorations

Choir/rock band etc – Zahid

Pam – sponsorship (will start to ask businesses for Santa's presents)

Food, Grotto (Santa's, prizes, ticketing) etc still need volunteers

**Next meeting: TBC**