

Friends of St Benet's (Registered charity number 1107224)
Minutes of Meeting Thursday 23rd April 2009

Present: Marie Lamb (ML), Suzanne Robbins (SR), Elaine Tones (ET), Joanne Anderson (JA), Graeme Page (GP), Alasdair Bailey (AB), Joan Clemo (JC), Damian Groark (DG), Amanda Vaughan (AV) Sandy Faircloth, Claire Bulman and Louise Coulson (LC)

Apologies: Joanne Wollaston (JW), Steve Anderson (SA)

Minutes of last meeting – 2nd March 2009 - Accepted as a true record.

Secretary (LC) (update on School Fayre)

- Letters have been sent out to various Theatres, Fed Brewery etc, no replies as yet but they were quite late in replying last year so not concerned.
- Also written to refreshment companies and so far Walkers have said yes and Waverley are looking quite likely and also to provide a prize.
- Northumbrian Water to try again in 3 weeks, will also look at other options
- Asda George to make a donation
- Louise has various items of Hulk merchandise, all agreed this would be great for Fayre
- Plants, not much response so far, ET mentioned that this is normal and when we go around collecting they always contribute. (AV confirmed Shades of Green Ashington have agreed to contribute)
- Some vouchers left from last year (Tesco and Sainsbury's – could be used to buy items for Fayre)

Treasurer's update (JA)

- CAROLINE'S LIBRARY HAS HIT £10,000!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Thank you to Claire and all the other year 6 mums for the Family Night (£978 banked and matched funding of £215 to follow + £100 cash handed to JA for auction)
- We have had a donation from Komatsu for £100
- Applied for funding to get money towards the cost of the School Fayre for the next 2 years
- JA has submitted the first gift aid request for £122.50

The nominal balances for each bank account are:

- Current a/c – £1,795.75
- Savings a/c – £8,342.32
- Caroline's Library a/c - £10,068.70
- Petty cash – £35.90
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*An amount of £8k was donated to the school on 24th March (which will be used as the school's 10% contribution towards the capital costs of the hall floor, outside play area etc)

Action points in bold

ELAINE TONES - Summer Fayre planning

- Banners – AB confirmed these will be ready 2 weeks before Fayre and he will organise the distribution **AB**
- Raffle tickets sent out with children today, to ensure any all unsold books to be returned
- Letters have been sent out for raffle prizes not much response so far. **LC** to chase up
- Letters have been sent for pop, cakes etc, **ML** to see Mr baker for donation of cakes etc
- JA the attractions are all sorted just waiting for confirmation of which rides
- Suzanne Murray has agreed to “do” paninis and jacket pots as an alternative to hot dogs
- Brian Moore from Metro Radio has agreed to open the Fayre and to be assistant compere to SA!
- Can everyone come in on afternoon of 5th June to help sort out all donated items etc **ALL**
- St Johns ambulance and fire brigade have both been contacted.
- **JC** to speak to police to arrange to be here on the day
- Need addresses for Take That's pr company **JA** and **AV** to source
- **CB** to source Doughnut stand (Carly's grandma?)
- DG – Karate display all sorted
- AB – Bikewise all sorted – suggested £1 donation to have photo taken (alongside bike but no touching or sweating anywhere near them!!!) – also mentioned they would like a big send off when they go on their bike ride on 27th June. AV agreed to source contact details for the management companies of Take That and Girls Aloud so that Year 6 pupils can send their letters of request for autographs/memorabilia/tickets. **AV**

AOB

1. Date for BBQ – 3rd July (**DG** to get in touch with BBQ people)
2. AV - Swishing - This is a great idea for all girls, basically a clothes swap party!! For a small donation you get some great new clothes, all agreed this was a great idea to be done in September.
3. 2nd May - Bring a bottle to school today. **ALL**

Finally – ET - Mentioned the great talent which was uncovered at the school talent show and would like to try and get some support for them. All agreed this was a great idea.

SF to speak to Theresa to see how she would feel about making a CD of Take That – You Rule the World – utilising the talent mentioned above and all year 6 to sing one line.

Sandy to confirm as soon as possible and if yes DG to approach Graeme Bradley Head of music at St Leonards to help pull it all together.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th May 2009. **All action points to be completed by this date.**