



FODS Meeting AGM: Minutes
Monday 16th September 7pm

Present: Joanne Hyslop, Anne-Marie Marshall, Joanna Williams, Sharon Baker, Alice Atherton, Charlene Crossley, Kelly Ryder, Anna Hobson, Tara Slattery, Laura Oakes and Karla Driscoll.

Apologies: Louise Comley and Beth Newby.

1. President's Welcome and voice of thanks (Joanne Hyslop)

Joanne welcomed everyone to the meeting. Huge thanks were given to FODS for all the support they give to the school which makes a real difference. The money raised has enabled improvements to be made to the school which the children wouldn't otherwise normally have, which is fantastic. FODS events also bring the community feel to the school community and provide much welcomed fun into school.

2. Chair's Report (Anne-Marie Marshall)

Anne-Marie delivered a verbal Chair's Report providing a recap of the events held over the past year. The full report will be made available on the school website under School Info>FODS.

Below is a extract from the report:

Reflecting on the last school year, FODS has continued to operate thanks to the unwavering dedication of its core team of volunteers who are unquestionably the beating heart of FODS, and whose time and dedication make it the success it is. Thank you to each and every one of you. I extend this same deep gratitude to all parents, carers and sponsors for your continued support. Collectively, your support takes many forms; and as in previous years, I reiterate in this year's address to you; every time you pop a pound into an envelope, buy a book of raffle tickets, bake cakes, generously donate prizes, offer your child's school uniform items for resale, set up trestle tables for an event, do the cash and carry shopping run, volunteer your time to run the bar or man a stall at one of our events, you enable FODS to succeed, and we appreciate each and every contribution you make. Equally, our much-loved signature school based events simply could not take place without the effort and goodwill of the staff who pull out all the stops in a busy teaching week to make these happen, so thank you all.

Here are a few highlights ...

Christmas Funfest - which was widely supported and provided much needed fabulous festive celebrations for the children. A big thank you to all parents and carers for supporting this, and particular thanks to the teachers and staff, Sadie Hopley, Alice Atherton, Beth Newby, and their organising sub-committee who made it all happen.

Summer Extravaganza – fast becoming a signature FODS event, this year it was a FODS and Ethos Group collaboration and incorporated falconry, singing, stalls, glitter tattoos, ice-cream and much more! Special thanks go to Mrs Manfredi and her star Ethos Group children, our stalwart Jo Williams and our dedicated refreshments and stall teams for making it the success it was – despite the rainy weather!

School Discos – thanks to Jo Williams, Mrs Hyslop and her school staff for organising and running these ever popular events for our KS1 and KS2 children.

*Grateful thanks always to our generous sponsors, teaching and support staff, parents and carers for supporting this event

3. Treasurer’s Report (Louise Comley)

Karla read out the Treasurer’s Report providing detail around the financial side of FODS for the past year. The full report will be made available on the school website under School Info>FODS.

Below is a summary of the report:

- Another successful year of fundraising for FODS
- Net profit of £13,456.34. 84% of which came from three main events:
 - Christmas Fun Afternoon (£4843.14/35% - includes £1543.80 match funding)
 - Circus (£3578.75/26%)
 - Summer Extravaganza (£3253.09/ 25%)

Other main fundraising events	Profit
School discos	£1147.77
Christmas cards	£589.99
Christmas wreath making	£302.87

What the profits have been spent on:

- Shepherd’s Hut (£4000)
- Whole School Pantomime (£1200)
- Library refurbishment (£2895)
- Large Hen Run (£675)
- Planters and outdoor development (£1937)
- ParentKind Insurance (£153)

Starting balance (5/9/23):	£8,796.53	
Add	£13,456.34	profit for full year
Less	£10,939.91	expenditure of profits
Ending balance (4/9/24):	£11,312.96	



4. Election of Officers

Anne-Marie Marshall was re-elected as **Chair** and nominated by Joanna Williams and seconded by Alice Atherton (with no other nominations).

Laura Oakes was elected as **Vice Chair** and nominated by Anne-Marie Marshall and seconded by Sharon Baker (with no other nominations).

Karla Driscoll was re-elected as **Treasurer** and nominated by Anne-Marshall and seconded by Kelly Ryder. Thank you to Louise Comley for providing an extensive handover over the last year. Karla still has no access to the bank account, despite following correct procedure and chasing multiple times. Until this is resolved, Louise will remain providing assistance.

Tara Slattery was elected as **Secretary** and nominated by Sharon Baker and seconded by Anna Hobson (with no other nominations). Sharon Baker to handover to Tara Slattery over the next few months.

5. Any other business

Funding Requests

The quote for the potting shed is £2950, the committee agreed to this. Mrs Hyslop has expressed that the current wooden benches are falling apart and are becoming dangerous. She would like to order some recycled plastic benches. These are currently on offer, buy 4 and get 1 free, for £2039. Agreed to ordering 10 benches.

Christmas Class Fundraising

Beth is progressing this with Mrs Hyslop.

Shed clean out

Joanna has mentioned that this does need doing. Anne-Marie and Sharon agreed to help.

Wreath making

Alice has booked this event for the 24th November with Mayflower Bloom. This will take place in the staff room, as it did last year. Sharon to apply for a TEN license to sell alcohol. There is a surplus of alcohol from the previous event that can't be returned, so we will look to use this for a free drink on arrival. Marketing graphic to be created and advertised as soon as possible.

Fireworks at Christmas

This event has featured previously. Mrs Hyslop to contact the company to find out if they are available. Sharon to check there are enough TEN licenses available.

Bingo

We are thinking of using the company that does the bingo for the Kingfisher pub. Alice to contact him asap.



Panto

This is all booked in. The children will go to the Grange to watch Peter Pan this year.

Match funding

Sharon to look into this for the Christmas event.

Discos

These will be resumed shortly, with the first being year 5 and 6. Year 3 and 4 will come next.

Quiz

Possible future event, to be discussed at next meeting.

Rounders

Possible future event, to be discussed at next meeting.

6. Date of next AGM

Monday 15th September 2025 at Davenham C of E Primary School.

Date of next meeting

Monday 4th November 2024 at Davenham C of E Primary School.