

Friends of Norton Free – AGM 7th January 2013

Present

Andrew Phipps
Nicky Copley
Helena Button

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Helen Nichols

Emma Booker
Sheila Taylor

Apologies

Simon Harrison
Jo Purcell

Jo Rollitt
Claire McGourlay

Becky Brown
Andie Newton

1	The minutes from previous meeting were agreed.	
2.	Chairpersons Report Simon sent his thanks for the hard work done by all committee and supporters at both the Christmas fayre and Christmas disco.	
3.	Treasurers Report Not had an up to date statement but from last statement and all debits and credits current balance is £3329.30 CR Calendars to date had raised £254 Disco £73.42 profit (sweets left to be sold at fun night) Christmas fayre £533.66 profit	
4.	Feedback Christmas Fayre: Agreement needed in place before event takes place to make all stallholders aware of cost or donation required to FoNF. EB stated she would put on newsletter the rules and regulations for next year. Christmas Disco: On the whole positive feedback but questions raised over cost of DJ (thought too expensive) and the lack of structure to the disco, children started to run around instead of staying in the hall. NC said she would look into alternatives. SH had been given feedback that 2 hours was too long, everyone at meeting said 2 hours was ok and if parents wanted to collect their children earlier then that was up to them, agreed to leave it at 2 hours.	

5. Future Events

Family Fun Night - Friday 1st February 2013 - 7pm - Norton House Country Club.

EB to type newsletter with full details to try and attract families who hadn't been before.
All agreed that after the slight damage caused to the gardens after the last family fun night, children would not be allowed outside the club, they were to be kept in the room under adult supervision.

Race Night.

JR to liase with Golf club for suitable date in April - planning to be done at next FoNF meeting.

6. Fundraising ideas

Andie Newton has said that she would hold a zumbathon to raise funds - everyone agreed that this would be a great idea - Andie Newton to organise.

7. AOB

SH queried what to do with large number of books left over from Christmas fayre - all agreed that they were to be given to charity and we would start afresh at next event.

HB stated that FoNF were not required to pay anything towards the Trim Trail path, school had financed the whole project.

School had applied for a grant to remodel the KS1 area but funding was refused so maybe when ideas finalised this would be something that FoNF would be able to contribute to.

HN suggested that funding be applied for in stages to avoid requesting one large sum HB & HN to discuss.

One parent from school had donated £500 matched funding - more needed if possible.

HB stated new laptops needed for school along with a charging station - 30 laptops would be the ideal number.

An extended discussion took place as to the pros and cons of laptops and all the different specifications available - HB to liase with Meadowhead trust for advice.

AP also said he would look into costs involved.

NC had been asked by CM to raise the possibility of training and funding for swimming gala's, this was discussed and:

HB said that unable to take children out of school for any length of time during the school day:
the issue of being able to hire a pool at a reasonable time of day

it was decided that costs were to be worked out before any final decision could be made although we all agreed that it would be a worthwhile activity for the children.

8. Date of next meeting

Monday 4th February 2013 at Norton House Country Club

**** JR and ST are unable to make this date and have requested Monday 11th February instead ****