



# March Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 22.03.2023 @ H1 Humanities Room

## Attendees

Anne Stacey, Julie Singleton, Marleine Younan, Cassie Fox, Leslie Maclon.

## Year to Date Events

Thanks to the volunteers refreshments were provided at:

Yr 7 Open Evening  
6th Form Open Evening  
Prize Giving  
St Cecilia's Concert  
Christmas Carol Concert

Social:

Christmas Party at Old Wimbledonians

- Many thanks to Laura Andrews and Tara Akyidirim for their help with this.

## Upcoming Events

Refreshments to be provided at:

April 20th Music Concert

- This will be led by Anne, Julie W has volunteered to help, will need one more volunteer.

No other events needing refreshment support from the FoWC have been confirmed for next term.

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## Uniform Sale - June 10th

- Anne has liaised with Paola to send out a communication requesting uniform donations. We will need to have this re-sent a few times next term.
- We also need to confirm that the sale is communicated to the new Yr 7 parents, added to the school calendar, twitter, FoWC website page.
- The school has bought plastic crates for storing the clothes.
- We will go in and sort the existing donations after the Easter break into the crates and see if it would be possible for new donations to be added to these going forward.
- June 3rd, we will need another sort through of remaining donations in preparation for the sale the following week.
- To discuss whether to also do a cake sale that day.
- Last year crisps and squash were provided for the boys doing the test. This was very popular (and low cost) and we will plan to do this again.

## Summer social event

Two events discussed:

- International Fair
  - Mr Laing has approved having this event and Mr Moriarity is keen to be involved.
  - This would be held at the school, include the boys and would involve parents providing food from different cultures (a google form used for parents to confirm what they will volunteer to bring).
  - Sell tickets (e.g. £5) for plate and fork.
  - Would be great if the music and art departments could also be involved.
  - In order to make this a success it will need involvement from the school and quite a bit of preparation so we agreed that it would be best to hold it in the Autumn term. We can then use it as a Welcome to the School event for the new Yr 7 cohort.
  - *Action: need to form sub-committee and kick off the planning for this next term*
- Summer Party at Old Wimbledonians
  - Following the success of the Christmas party it was agreed to see if we can hold a summer event.
  - Ideally we would like to open this up to the boys as well to give them a social event and also make it easier for more parents to attend.
  - *Action: JS to contact LA re feasibility, dates, numbers etc.*

- Would also like to hold a raffle/auction at this. Should do a big push for prizes and have the boys compete in houses for most tickets sold - need to look at licensing for this.
- End of exams/Leavers events
  - *Action: AS to follow up with Kate Dixon on this*

## Finances

- £2,000 was transferred to the school last year which was used towards a curved garden tree bench for the '125th Anniversary Garden' located in front of the music block. This will give small groups of boys a quiet outdoor place to sit away from the hustle and bustle of the playground.
- A small profit was made at the Christmas Party.
- The FOWC are not primarily about fundraising, but promoting the ethos of the school, supporting activities run by the school and providing social events for the school community to come together.
- We provide refreshments at various school run events e.g. music concerts, school play, Transition day, Open Days etc.

## Fundraising

- It was discussed how fundraising could be more effective if we were to have a specific project e.g. school library, agreed with the school that we are working towards.
- Suggested that the Head Boys could provide a wish list that could be polled with the boys to see what the priority could be. Getting buy-in from the boys would then help with the fundraising activities.
- *Action: MY to arrange meeting with Business Manager to see what is possible*
- School has confirmed that we are not able to run a Race night or Doughnut days.

## A.O.B

- Trustees
 

Agreed that Julie Wilkinson, Julie Singleton and Marleine Younan will be set up as Trustees.
- WhatsApp Groups
 

These have been set up for most year groups. Parents seem to find them useful. A suggestion has come from the school that a Code of Conduct may be required to ensure the groups are not misused.



## New Board Members

Previously the committee had about 12 members, it would be great to get more people involved with planning and running events.