

Minutes of The Friends of Maple Infants AGM 26th September 2019

Present

Suzy Brinded (Chair 2017-2019)
Judith Murray (Secretary 2017-2019)
Sarah Halliwell (Treasurer 2018/2019)
Approx. 10 members of the association

Efe Abebe-Heyward (Governor)
Claire Barwell (Headteacher)

1. Welcome and Thank You

Suzy welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

2. Apologies/Minutes/Matters Arising

Apologies: Sarah Richardson (Vice-Chair 2017-2019)
Matters Arising from last year's Minutes: none

3. Chair & Treasurer Reports 2018/19

See the attached presentation (also available on www.friendsofmaple.org) for further information on Chair and Treasurer Reports.

4. Independent Examiner of Accounts

Any member who is able to assist in auditing last year's accounts is invited to get in touch via contact@friendsofmaple.org. Noted that it is not a legal requirement for charities raising less than £20,000 per annum but that it would be good practice. The committee are keen to find a suitably qualified member to fulfill this task.

5. Election of Committee Members 2018/19

Suzy thanked the outgoing Committee and reported that no new nominations had been received prior to the AGM. There were no nominations from any members present so no elections were held. No new committee was elected or formed.

***A meeting for members interested in getting involved has since been organised at 8.30pm on Thursday 3rd October at The Victoria in Surbiton

Nominations will remain open until Monday 7th October, after which time the present Trustees will confirm how to proceed if there are none.

Update 08/10/19: nominations for each position were received on Monday 7th October, because there was no need for a competitive election the new Committee has been confirmed as:

Chair - Tansy O'Connor-Parsons
Secretary - Kelly Devereaux
Treasurer - Udari Wickremasinghe and Rebecca Barr (job share)

6. Class Reps 2019-20

A big thank you to last year's Reps and welcome to those that have volunteered for this year:

Willow AM – Katrina, Suzy
Willow PM – Suzanne, Claire
Laurel – Vera, Shernett
Chestnut – Eleanor
Hazel – Rowena, Claire
Cedar – Madeleine, Eva

Oak – Gayle
Copper Beech – (Tamsin)
Sycamore – Mel, Tamsin (Suzy)
Rowan – Amanda, Vera, Richard
Silver Birch – Cherise, Nily

Suzy appealed to members to come forward to be Class Reps where gaps exist.

7. Events 2019-20

Suzy explained that she would continue to run the Second Hand Uniform Shop, with termly playground sales and ad hoc sales inbetween. Suzy will also do the admin behind the IQ Cards Seasonal Cards Project which is scheduled to take place just before half term in October. Aside from these projects no plans are in place as it will be for the new Committee to decide on their events and activities when it comes into being.

8. Matched Funding, www.easyfundraising.org.uk, Gift Aid

Possibilities for fund raising through different schemes were discussed.

The www.easyfundraising.org.uk website was highlighted as a way to earn free donations from online purchases, any individual can sign up including grandparents and other family members.

Matched funding was discussed as a way of increasing fund raising, many companies have policies in place to provide money to employees who are engaged in worthy community projects.

FOM is registered for Gift Aid so can claim 25p in every pound donated. Not all contributions are eligible for Gift Aid but FOM will make sure to claim on all donations that it can. Gift Aid can also be claimed on donations from easyfundraising.

9. AOB

Suzy thanked everyone again for all their support over the last two years. Mrs Barwell and Judith also thanked Suzy for her work as Chair since 2017.