

FRIENDS OF HOLY FAMILY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE

Meeting held on Tuesday 20th January 2009 at 7.30 pm in the
Headmaster's Office, Walthamstow Site.

1. Apologies: Mona Clarke, Sue Ling, Jean Morrison, Maggie Allcock, Chris Morris

Present: Mike Eames (Chair) Dr Andy Stone (Headmaster), Joanna Sheehy (Assistant Head), Dave Ling, Di Carey, Michael Maynard, Michelle Njie, Joanne Rogers and Joanne Westerby (minutes).

2. Approval of minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of the 18th November 2008, were reviewed and agreed as a true record of the meeting, Mike signed them off as such.

3. Matters arising from the last meeting.

Under the heading concerning the St. Georges Parish Christmas Bazaar, Joanna Sheehy confirmed that several 6th Formers from Holy Family attended the St. Georges Bazaar to help set up on the Friday night. They said there were lots of helpers.

It was noted that there had been no mention of this Friends meeting in the current newsletter, JS to follow up with Yolanda, also JW to ask Yolanda when she emails minutes through each time – the most recent minutes are on the Friends page of the website, so the information about tonight's meeting was mentioned there, but a mention on the weekly newsletter would also have been a useful reminder. JW had emailed the agenda to those she had email addresses for, but some were bounced back, should anyone like to receive the minutes and agenda this way, please email her on randj.westerby@btinternet.com and she will endeavour to do this.

An appeal also needs to go out in the weekly newsletter for any unwanted Christmas presents, which can be held for the summer fair, or for raffles at Friends events JS/JW to ask Yolanda to include in the newsletter.

4. Raffle Return for Fr. Maurice.

The Return went direct to the Town Hall, a copy has now been given to St. Georges, this matter has now been resolved.

5. Feedback from the School Christmas Raffle.

This was a very successful event, total sales were £ 1,328.98, less amount spent on the prizes of £ 363.99, which left a profit of £ 964.99. The feedback from the pupils was very positive, well received by all, they enjoyed the non uniform day and there were prize winners on both sites. The actual draw was quite quick however, next time, it may be worth while having perhaps another 5 x 20 games vouchers, it would create more interest and perhaps more sales.

JS had had a quick word with some of the staff and pupils as to what the school would like the money spent on, Peter Watts the Librarian had sent in a letter detailing books he would like to purchase, which he felt would be of great interest to the pupils, the value being approximately £ 900.00. The PE department needs to replace one of the trampolines – a group from the school had recently performed very well at a Borough competition and the trampoline event at the summer fair had been very popular. Dr. Stone also mentioned that the school are trying to win a bid for some funding which will involve trying to raise matched funding from the business community, he feels that part of this could be raised from the school fund, but may need to approach the Friends if there is a small shortfall. There is a July deadline for this bid.

It was decided that JS would speak to Curriculum Leaders to prepare bids for spending some of the proceeds that the Friends have raised to date – to make a grand "Wish List", and while not all may be able to be granted at this stage, perhaps with the incentive of a successful summer fair, we can grant some if not all of the rest later on in the year after this event. This item will be a separate item on next meetings agenda.

6. Future events:

- Table Top Sale: Saturday 28th March 2009 10:00am-2:00pm

It was decided to give this another try, and really push publicity this time. The Banner would need to go up on both sites a month before the event – and Mike will do the Banners. It will be called an "Indoor Boot Sale" to try to overt the idea of it being a jumble sale, JS to ask the Enterprise Group

to be involved and also Wendy to ask if we can use the kitchen as before to offer refreshments. Dr. Stone to speak to the Saturday School to cancel them for this day. Plan to run a small raffle on the day – as is just before Easter Holidays – perhaps an Easter Raffle? JW to contact WFM to try to get a free mention on the community page. JW to print A4 and A5 posters as last time, Mike and JW to leaflet Forest Road, Orford Road, Shernhall Street. JR to distribute leaflets too. JW to contact St. Georges to ask if a poster can go up – and a mention in the Parish newsletter, likewise Mike will ask at St. Josephs, Michelle at Christ the King. Dr. Stone to speak to the caretakers to open the school hall from 9:00 to 3:00. Mike will speak to Jean and Maggie to see if they can help with the refreshments, JW to also bake cakes, muffins, quiches as before. Table sales will be as before, £ 10.00 or £ 5 if for a charity. The school telephone number to be given on the advert/leaflets, and Dr. Stone, JS to ask Joy and the office to take names and numbers and pass them on to Mike to phone back to confirm.

- Summer Fair: Saturday 20th June 2009 12:00noon-4:00pm

The Lings will be away that weekend, so will not be able to help as they have done in the past. Dr. Stone to start to get the Begging Letters off to Companies to ask for donations which can be used on the bid stall. He will also ask Joy about organising the Driving School cars (if possible three cars would be ideal) and to speak to Mike on this, also to ask Wendy for her help for donations and for the use of the kitchen as before. Mike will order the brochure to look at the bouncy items on offer and will bring this in for discussion and booking at the next meeting. There is a Climbing Wall which is used for Borough events – Dave to see if he can find out how to get this? JW to ask Leyton Fire Brigade if they would be available on the day, made a brief appearance last time and then were called out! JW also to ask Meads about their bouncy castle and Churchill and Central Estates about sponsorship, but was felt would be negative in the current economic climate. Can Chris Morris help on this one, may have links that can help? Smash and Crash donations needed, an appeal to parents in the newsletter? JR to advertise on the Freecycle site, with donations to come to the office. JS to ask at her local charity shops for odd china or chipped china which they can't sell.

- Quiz Night

Sue offered to organise this again, and we will consider this at the next meeting, looking at a date possibly in May?

7. Any Other Fund raising ideas?

- Christmas Cards

JW brought in details about Christmas cards produced for schools by pupils, through a company called MySchoolChristmasCards. Site www.my-school-christmas-cards.co.uk
The idea being that the pupils design their own card which parents then buy – 10 personalised cards for £ 6.50 - £ 1.50 goes to the Friends. On-line ordering for schools and parents, free postage and packing for school orders. JW suggested that if considered viable to the school, then perhaps if Art department agreed pupils in years 7 and 8 could be targeted – even perhaps incoming year 7s' on their induction day. Also what about a competition for a whole school card, perhaps Friends could donate a gift voucher for the winning design. JS to speak to Art Department and other friends to look at the site and will be discussed further at a later date once everyone has had a chance to look at this.

Ideas needed, any ideas gratefully received!

8. Any other business

The NCPTA newsletter had arrived with the insurance details and information for free fund-raising workshops – places need to be booked for anyone interested in attending.

JS said that a group from the school had recently joined TELCO and the group had asked her to publicise a meeting to be held on Wednesday 28th January at 7:30pm to be hosted by Faizan e Islam, 8 Corbett Road, Walthamtwow, London E17 3JZ, to discuss building local community cohesion and to plan action together for a better and fairer borough.

8. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting shall be on Tuesday 10th March 2009, in Dr. Stone's office, on the Walthamstow site, at 7:30pm.

Meeting ended approx. 8:45pm