

Overton School Association AGM

Held Thursday 12th November, 8pm, via Zoom meeting

Attendees: 25 (meeting opened at 8.10 pm)

Committee Present: Lydia Mather, Madeline Haddon, Sarah Warriss-Simmons, Christine Thorley, Bonnie Payne, Becky George, Katie O'Brien, Sheldon Jowett, Colin Fowles, Fiona Wyeth.

Committee Apologies: Andrew Davies and Sarah Thomason.

Chair's report

Overview

The Chair gave an overview of the activities and achievements of the previous year, September 2019 - July 2020.

Like many others, the OSA has been limited in what it could do during the past year since March (due to Covid). Events and activities which were able to go ahead included the Fireworks, Christmas cards fundraiser, and the Christmas discos. Just under £5300 was fundraised, and KS2 Friday afternoon cooking club was able to be funded for the beginning of the academic year.

The Chair thanked all volunteers who have enabled this fundraising to go ahead.

No significant contributions have been made to the school since the previously-funded touch screens last academic year. This is partly due to the OSA building up its finances again, and also due to the school not being open on site between March and September this year.

The need to look for alternative ways of raising funds was acknowledged, both for the benefit of the pupils of the School but also to raise the spirits of the wider community during this difficult time.

Committee Leavers

The Chair thanked two Committee leavers for all their work: Sarah Thomason, for her hot drinks role at the fireworks and for her planning of the Easter disco and summer fete which couldn't ultimately be held. And Andrew 'Mr Spreadsheet' Davies, for his bar support role during the previous year and also his prior over 10 years spent on the committee! A gift will be given to Andrew to thank him and it was suggested that he should become an honorary lifetime member of the OSA for all his hard work! She thanked Andrew and offered to pass on the Committee's best wishes and thanks.

Committee Thanks

Fiona Wyeth was invited to give her thoughts. It was acknowledged that whilst the year had started 'business as usual' it had ended very differently. The constant was identified as being support from the OSA Committee.

Thanks were given to Committee on behalf of the staff and Governors, and on behalf of parents, both for the enhancements for pupils provided, and for the funds raised.

Treasurer's Report

Joint Treasurer, Christine Thorley, presented the annual overview of the accounts. Please see the report Overton School Association Accounts for the period ended 31 August 2020 (David Carter).

The amount of money raised this past year was £12,762.96. With a total expenditure of £7480.44, the OSA has therefore made a profit of £5,282.52.

The OSA ended last year with £18,800 in the bank accounts already, and so with this past year's profit added, our total monies held in the accounts as of August 2020 is £24,036.44. This increased amount held in the bank account represents the fact that we have not spent any significant funds this year (compared with the touch screens previously).

Via Easyfundraising, in 2019 voluntary parent contributions (suggested donation of £12 per pupil) were requested, and this raised a total of £1,871.85.

Money has also been raised through Easy Fundraising shopping and also Amazon Smile.

Occasional donations from the community are received. This year money was donated by a Solo Mia fashion show.

Last year interactive whiteboards were purchased, this year £100 has been used to fund the KS2 cookery club.

The Joint Treasurer acknowledged the joint nature of her role and thanked Bonnie.

Participants and attendees voted electronically by majority to agree to appoint David Carter as the Independent Accounts Examiner for the coming year ending August 2021.

Elections

The Chair welcomed three prospective Committee Members to participate in the meeting. Tracy Burton, Iona Owen and Lynsey Pinfield introduced themselves.

Due to the excellent turn out for this year's AGM, it was agreed that it would be possible to vote in all existing and new Committee Members as Trustees, where required.

The nomination for Lydia Mather as Chair was seconded by Madeline Haddon. Nominations for the remainder of the Committee were seconded by Lydia Mather.

Participants and attendees voted electronically by majority to agree to hold one vote to appoint the whole of the OSA committee for the following year.

Participants and attendees voted electronically to elect/re-elect the following Committee Members (25 votes, of which 24 were in favour, with 1 abstention):

- Chair (Trustee), Lydia Mather
- Secretary (Trustee), Sarah Warriss-Simmons
- Vice Chair (Trustee), Madeline Haddon
- Joint Treasurer (Trustee) Bonnie Payne and Christine Thorley
- Discos Officers (Trustees), Becky George and Katie O'Brien
- Bar Lead (Trustee), Sheldon Jowett
- Charity Commission (Trustee), Colin Fowles
- President (Trustee), Fiona Wyeth
- General Support, Iona Owen

- General Support (Trustee), Tracy Burton
- General Support (Trustee), Lynsey Pinfield.

All Committee Members have been appointed. Iona Owen has opted to become a Committee Member though not as a Trustee.

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One of the attendees asked how the OSA decides how to spend the funds. The Chair and Fiona Wyeth explained that the OSA and School work together to find things that the School would struggle ordinarily to buy, and things which all (not only some) children will benefit from. Previous examples have been play equipment for outside, gym equipment, library books, touch screen panels. These are all things which make a real difference with shrinking budgets.

Sheldon highlighted the importance of spreading the word about Easyfundraising and Amazon Smile as easy ways to help the OSA raise money.

Conclusion

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was closed at 8.39 pm.

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