

## Friends of Delamere Meeting 21/1/19

Apologies - Melissa De Berry, Alan Lord, Liz Johnson

Present - Rowan Almond, Alan Hobson, Pauline Sherwin, Pat Myles, Alan Lord, Karen Vernon

Winter Fair review - very successful fair, great footfall and most stalls sold out. Made over £1700 - £200 more than previous year.

Due to the success of the Winter fair it was decided that the Summer Fair would also be held on the Sunday, 2-4pm as this time slot certainly didn't cause issues for the winter fair and numerous people said it was a good time for them. So the **Summer Fair will be on Sunday 7th July 2-4**. Rowan suggested the theme of **Local Heroes** - as can be interpreted in numerous ways and would enable us to try and have fire engine, police and bin lorry in attendance. **Rowan will try to book in the community fire service truck asap** - hopefully slightly ahead of the game. Colin Hobson will also be in attendance at the fair and will be able to do Barclays £ for £ matching on the stall that he is on again - a great boost to takings.

Accounts - joint current total in both bank accounts is £12200.44

Incomings from our activities- £165 from Christmas card sales, £1715.70 from Winter Fair  
Co-op local causes- website says we have raised £319 so far, need to create posters etc and connect with local co-op and co-op funeral home so more customers choose our cause to support. **Rowan will organise applying for a card that school staff can take out with them when buying lunch or on class trips.**

Easyfundraising has earnt us £30 so far, need to try get more parents to use it as its money for nothing.

### Clothes Collection from school

Rowan has researched the various companies that can be used - only looking at companies that will take soft toys as most parents would love a reason to clear some of them out!  
Bags2school - 40p per kilo, collect greater range of items with low minimum collection amount  
Kids eco project - 55p per kilo, 50 bag minimum for you to get paid anything  
As it is the first time trying the event we decided to go with bags2school as there will be less pressure to succeed. **Rowan will book a collection asap**, so collection occurs on a Tuesday ideally - enabling a reminder message to be sent the day before. Ideally 2 bags to each pupil and staff member, as well as posting on M41ers - bags only to be brought in on that specific day. Rowan to organise that on that day the bus isn't in the garage so all bags go straight into the garage so School isn't cluttered up for any amount of time. Send letter out with bags emphasising Spring Clear out etc.

### Manchester Marathon - 7th April

Jordan is completing and raising money for school, our plan is to get the kids involved too, taking advantage of a justgiving page being set up, and hopefully a text donation message too.

It is proposed to get the **pupils to participate in a virtual marathon relay race over the month preceding the actual marathon**. So every child that wanted to participate could submit their completed section with a photo shot of strava/mapmyrun etc that could then all be added together to make a full marathon. Each child that participates would get a medal (**Rowan to design and order**) - and be encouraged to raise sponsorship using Jordan's justgiving page.

We could also have scheduled events that one of us would be at and could encourage others to join us - ie simply cycling one Sunday, a junior park run one Saturday etc. If people wanted more support to get anything done. Dependant on volunteer support and willingness to be at any specific organised event- any event would be one that already exists or is organised externally already, we would just utilise that event- then it is risk free cost wise for us.

To do an event we organise ourselves could be costly- so far Rowan has enquired at Longford park athletics track and that would cost £4 per person that attended. Karen suggested looking at Sale Harriers . Can research further

## **Virtual marathon to take place 7th March-6th April**

Two weeks before (weekend 23rd/24th March) the Marathon we could do a craft morning type thing making banners to support Jordan, and then use them at a **cheer zone** on the actual race day. **Rowan will liaise with school to see when is best** regarding caretakers etc - a free to attend pupil event, snack table and hot drinks. Only require access to main hall. **Anyone that thinks of any good slogans etc to put on banners please email them to melisandrow@gmail.com.**

Potential idea that would need developing/fine tuning - join the rock painting/hiding craze, do rocks numbered 1-26 with details on back linking with school facebook page, or have our text donation number on back. Create competition that if found them all/a set number of them you'd get free entry to balloon race? Could help us get social media activity around it. **Thinking caps on!**

### **Balloon Race -**

usually raises us about £1000 and we normally do one in this term. Looking at main options - sport /MUGA theme or Easter theme prizes. £1 or 50p tickets. Only thing that is set is balloons have to fly from noon to noon and take one week.

Due to date of Marathon and where Easter holidays and Easter weeeekend fall we decided to have a **sports theme prize** so we can be more flexible with dates.

Hand out tickets and info to pupils on 10th April, all sold tickets to be returned by 2nd May.

Launch 4th May, winner declared **11th May - hold a sports themed, balloon landing coffee and cake morning. Thinking caps on!**

Prizes- apply for Man Utd, Man City signed stuff as well as any other sports team we can think of. when buying tickets the colour people choose will determine which prize they are in the running for. **Rowan will fill out the online application forms for those prizes asap** as they often require at least 12 weeks in advance. **Any other local sports club that you think may offer a prize please contact them, but communicate that you have done so so that no one else contacts the same one.**

Alan Hobson mentioned the possibility of "a night of promises" style auction even8ng which he has done very successfully in the past. People offer promise of half a days work doing whatever their skill is etc and people pay for it at auction. Quite a big thing to arrange, need to put feelers out around parents to see what skills we have hidden in our community and work out how we could make it work for us.