FRIENDS OF ORCHARD BRAE MEETING

Monday 20th February 2023

1. Welcome and apologies

Present: Lisa Simons (chair), Rebecca Duncan, Victor Morgan, Sarah Cruickshank, Elaine Thomson, Carol Darwin, Clare Russell, Lorraine Ritchie, Tracy Hales

Apologies:, Jill Cameron, Ruana Mason, Carol Gillan

2. Review last meeting minutes & address any action points/ updates

We have now received some photos of the purchases in use, Lisa will continue to ask for more of recent purchases

Emmeline has been in touch and Singing Hands has been confirmed for end of march, 31st I think, she just verifying final details and have advised re invoice as it has to be paid in advance – we have money from Tesco for this.

Christmas Fair – Total raised after expenses is £3607.18

3. Treasurers Update/ Funds Received

Receipts and payments for January 2023 have been circulated to all members. Please see copy below:

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS – JANUARY, 2023

Opening Balance as at 1st January, 2023		**£31,956.97**
RECEIPTS		
Xmas Fair Proceeds	438.00	
Donation towards purchase of new eye gaze machine (on behalf of pupil George Smith).	600.00	
Amazon Europe	17.28	
		1055.28
PAYMENTS		
Orchard Brae School – Cube beanbags, Giant cushions, Smile chairs	1229.75	
North Lanarkshire Council – Sid and Shinarri Wellbeing toolkit	90.00	
Just Giving - Monthly Membership Fee	18.00	
		1337.75
Closing Balance as at 31st January, 2023		**£31,674.50**

	COMMITTED FUNDS			
On behalf of George Smith (pupil)	**Eye Gaze machine**		600.00	600.00
Aberdeen University Students Association	Mini bus fleet operating costs (e.g. fuel, maintenance, repairs)			
	Balance brought forward		1678.80	
	Utilised: Maintenance	0		
	Diesel	1438.18		
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	Balance carried forward			240.62
Aberdeen University Students Association	Creation of a Chill Out room for older children			
	Balance brought forward		1288.00	
	Utilised: Cube beanbags, Giant cushions, Smile chairs.		1229.75	
	Balance carried forward			58.25
Groundworks "Tesco Bags of Help" Award	Singing Hands Workshop			1000.00
Aberdeen Journals	P & J "Tokens for Toys" (Additional) Awards (2)			396.63
Nelson Field	Duke of Edinburgh Awards			250.00
Co-op Local Community Fund	Outside Planters		222.49	
Co-op Local Community Fund – ne	Outside Planters		1009.66	
	Balance carried forward			1232.15
Total Committed Funds				**£3,777.65**

Approx £31600 at end of the month – so a healthy balance.

4. School Update/ Any update on Outdoor classroom

PEF funding to be used for Swimming nappies

Outdoor classroom –
Planning has been approved for the outdoor classroom, issue with insurance meaning they may need to situate it elsewhere in the school grounds.

5. Funding Requests

2 x larger trikes from Theraplay for MOVE team, these have been ordered by Judith

17 x Indestructible Books for Room 10

7. Applications Update

Applied to Student Show and requested it for Bendrigg

Spar Community Fund applied for also, others can also nominate I will share this on facebook page.

Celebrate Aberdeen have £1100 to give away to a charity that was involved in last years parade, they are looking for a statement of at least 300 words why it should be us. This was passed to Elaine to arrange for someone in the School to organise.

8. A.O.B.

Julie Finn asked for charity cans and poster for her birthday party, I have done this. The party is this weekend.

It was discussed about the charity having its own dedicated website and agreed to look into this further.

Next meeting date:

Monday 5th June 2023 – Venue TBC

Meeting closed.