AGS FRIENDS - MINUTES
Wednesday 17 September 2025, 7:00pm in Sports Hall

In Attendance

H Silcox, K O'Donnell, R Connor, Ri Connor, J Gilmour, K Ellicott, S Smith, B Liddar, V Bruton, S Locke, J Parry, G Farrington

Apologies

W Stephens

1. ## Welcome, introductions, declarations of interest and minutes
   Everyone introduced themselves.
   No declarations of interest were declared.
   Action log all updated.
   VB reiterated that everyone is welcome to attend the committee meetings.
   Action - VB to publish last set of minutes.

2. ## Year end review
   The summer concert was a success with serving pizzas to children between end of school and concert. Pre-ordering on sum-up worked well. Options to consider other providers.
   Uniform sale for year 7 raised £348 (this is collected on behalf of the school and is not towards PTFA total.)
   In total £9270 was raised which has gone towards a new IT room - RT hugely welcomed by school and a big thank you to PTFA for all the efforts.
   In terms of this year's fundraising; RT explained that departments bid for resources but school funding is very limited from the DFE. It is suggested that PTFA funds will be allocated to department requests assessed as 'amber' by school (supported in principle, but unable to prioritise). School will review these requests and propose a shortlist to PTFA for agreeing as the target for this year.
   Action - school to collate short-list for review.

3. Lottery

Draw was made.
1st prize number 107
2nd prize number 117
3rd prize number 135
4th prize number 16
5th prize number 79
Top prize is £80. 151 numbers have been bought, although this includes multiple numbers, so the number of participants is lower.
First draw of next year will take place in November. So far £2100 has been raised.
A discussion took place on how best to promote the lottery. The lottery will be promoted at the next set of parents information evenings.
Action - GF to think about the £100 left 'in the pot' and review rules/process for new lottery year.
GF to write to anyone who has left the school to see if they still want to enter the lottery. HS to check any leavers.

4. 2025/26 Year Overview

VB shared the AGS Friends calendar and discussed everything on here.
Agreed that there will be fewer general PTFA meetings, as it's hard for enough people to attend. 2 in person meetings - this welcome meeting, and AGM - remaining meetings will be committee meetings (to which everyone is welcome - ask for a link) and event planning meetings. There will be plenty of opportunities for socialising as well if wanted.
6 December is St Nicholas night, ideas will be needed for a stall - this is a community event in Alcester, and this year is on a Saturday night. This will be the first time that AGSF has participated.
Santa Run - **Action JG to find out how we can participate in this.**
It was agreed that no uniform would be sold at the year 7 Parent's information. GF will take the lead on uniform and organise a team to sort and sell at the other parents information evenings.
Dates agreed and to be published on website
Action - HS to publish dates and update website

5. Planning teams

Bingo - Fri 21 Nov
Raffle - Fri 12 Dec
Sponsorship
For the Christmas raffle it was suggested this was drawn during the celebration assembly but there does need a week for the prizes to be collected.
Planning teams to be set up for all events. This will be done via the Whatsapp group.
Action - HS to ask CH if she would be our bingo caller again.
RT to identify suitable date for raffle announcement

6. Marketing and Comms

A discussion took place about the best methods of communication. RT will be informing everyone that any information you need to know will be covered in the Principals update. Parental engagement is still a challenge, as not everyone reads the updates/emails.

Action - VB to set up a BlueSky page.
VB to email all planning documents out.

7. Any other Business

Ri Connor suggested that we could potentially apply for Gift Aid. To be discussed with GF.

R Connor suggested a car boot on the school field.

JG is looking into a Vinted type idea on sumup for uniform.