

Friends of St Mark's AGM 2022

Monday 12th September 2022

7:30pm at St Marks School

Apologies

N/A

Attendees

Cherie Parker – Chair

Mandy Mullen – Treasurer

Emma Bryant – Secretary

Charles Applegate - Headteacher

Philippa Dodd

Claire Emery

Paul Cartwright

Dave Payne

Sarah Fisher

Vicky Smith

Cheryl Stoneman

Nicola Whitmarsh

Lindsay Allen

Nick Browne-Marke

Emma May

Emma Massey

Carly Davidson

Lee Walker

Deborah Vincent

Aidan Kinnell

Hollie–Louise O'Brien

Trevor Calver

Welcome

The Friends of St Mark's secretary Emma Bryant officially opened the meeting at 7:32pm and welcomed all attendees. Emma thanked the committee for all their hard work and dedication over the past year and thanked Charles Applegate for his continued support.

Due to no longer having children at St Marks, Emma Bryant officially steps down as Secretary and from the committee.

Chair Report

Chairperson's Report for the Friends of St Mark's CE Primary School AGM 12th September 2022

The following report has been prepared for the 12th September 2022 for the Annual General Meeting. The report outlines the work undertaken by the Friends in the last year.

1) Changes to the Committee: -

We have 3 people who have stepped down from the committee this year. Nicky Fisher, Jenny Little and Helen Cockburn. I would like to thank them for all they have done during their time.

Nicky Fisher was a fundamental part of FOSM for many years giving her knowledge of business and leadership skills to be the Chair before myself. We give thanks to her for her experience and help over the last year and wish her well for the future. Helen Cockburn was the former Treasurer for FOSM and later became our president. Again, her knowledge was invaluable to help us navigate as a committee, to keep to the rules and regulations set out by the Charity Commission and Parent Kind. Thank you, Helen. Jenny Little was with the committee for only a short time but made a huge impact with her marketing skills. She was well organised and efficient with her role and became an asset to us. Thank you Jenny and we wish you the best for your new job.

On a sadder note, I want to take this time to reflect on the passing of our dear friend Clare Morton. For those who do not know, Clare was a member of FOSM for many years and managed the nearly new uniform. In February of this year, we received the sad news that our Clare was tragically taken from us and in my last Chair report I expressed thanks for her then and I will do so again now, thank you Clare for all you gave, you will never be forgotten. As you will hear in the treasury report we have set aside monies for a memorial bench to be placed within the grounds of St Marks.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to Charles and all the school staff for their support and help over this last year as we saw the movement into a world where we learned to live with Covid-19.

We have welcomed Nicola, Lindsay, Dave, Paul and Vicky to the FOSM committee. They are already supplying great ideas, helping at events, taking on roles and providing a future for FOSM.

School Year 2021/22

The Friends have continued to support the school financially in the last year. The school year 2021/22 was as successful as it could be for the Friends of St Mark's Committee.

Fund raising events we ran in the school year 2021/22:

- Non-Uniform days
- Easy Fund raising
- Christmas Cards and branded Candles
- School branded Gin
- Nearly new uniform
- School Lottery
- Teepee Party raffle
- Amazon Smile
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Sponsored read
- Tea towels
- Ice pop sales
- Autumn Scavenger hunt
- Bags 2 School
- Summer Fun Day
- School Disco
- Teddy Jumper Sale to the Yr 6's

We will continue to look at other new opportunities to help support the school financially. Other work carried out by the committee includes the Christmas crackers for the Christmas Party lunch in December. We will continue to build relationships with companies such as Sainsbury's who have again supported us this year by providing a monetary donation. Philippa again has done an amazing job at liaising with them, well done and thank you.

We have again provided the year R's water bottles for the new intake of children. The Year 6 transport for their residential trip has again been funded by FOSM.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported us in a volunteer capacity this year, they have been a huge support and without them our events cannot take place. I hope you all will continue to help the school and keep the amazing community spirit going.

My final words of gratitude are to these two wonderful women beside me, Emma Bryant and Mandy Mullen. We have laughed and cried together over the years and FOSM has made us strong friends for life. Emma and Mandy have been my left arm and my right. The support and love they have given to me has been unconditional and unwavering. Mandy, your role as treasurer was never easy, even though you made it look like it and Emma, how you managed to stay cool, calm, and collected with all the secretarial duties you performed I'll never know!

Finally, I want to say it has been an honour and a privilege to be Chair for Friends of St Marks for many years. I feel after 8 years of commitment and dedication to Friends of St Marks it is now the time for me to concentrate more on myself and my family, I now step down as Chair and from the committee.

Goodbye and Good Luck.

Kind Regards,

Cherie Parker

Chairperson Friends of St Marks (FOSM)

Treasurer's Report – All documents are attached

Election of Official Committee Roles

As of this point Cher Parker, Mandy Mullen and Emma Bryant have all stepped down from their official positions.

Nominations for Chair – Dave Payne

Proposed by Mandy Mullen and seconded by Philippa Dodd

Nominations for Treasurer – Paul Cartwright

Proposed by Mandy Mullen and seconded by Philippa Dodd

Nominations for Secretary – Vicky Smith

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The AGM has now come to an end.