# Friends of Tottenhall and St. Michael at Bowes School Association – FOTSA Registered Charity No. 1176088

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> November

Ordinary Business  1) Attendance & apologies	
, ,	St. Michael at Bowes school
	representative
	Debbie Butcher
	Dessie Baterier
	Tottenhall school representative
	– apologies given
	Parents
	Ashaya Titus
	Dawn Hollingworth
	Rose Alexander
	Ediz Mevlit
	Evelina rubio
	Kyria Christofi
	Amy Amer
2) Charity Commission Annual Submission confirmation	Noted
<ul> <li>Yr ending August 2020 accounts were logged. Yr ending August</li> </ul>	ust
2021 will be due following this meeting	Amy agreed to update this years
https://beta.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-	income and spending to Charity
details/?regid=1176088&subid=0	Commission
Charity reporting	is up
Charity number: 1176088 to date (on time)	
Charity £10,000	
overview	
What, who,	
now, where	
Governance	
Trustees £6,000	
Financial history	
Accounts and	
annual returns	
Governing £2,000	
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- Virtual Christmas Fundraiser 2020
   <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/manage/FOTSA-christmas-fundraising">https://www.gofundme.com/manage/FOTSA-christmas-fundraising</a> and Christmas online quiz event
- Raffles, with restricted ticket sales due to social distancing
- No summer event

# 5) Treasurer's Report for the year ending August 2021;

Current cash balance for the Charity is £4,128.62 which is held as SMAB account £3,122.94, Tottenhall account £1005.68

Income (less costs) Sept 2020 to August 2021	Tottenhall	St Michael	Total (where income is received jointly into one account then split)
Christmas Virtual	£143.39	£143.39	£286.78
Easyfundraising	£46.26	£46.26	£92.53
Christmas Raffle		£414.00	
Easter Raffle		£350.20	
Total	£189.65	£953.85	

Schools spending to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021			
Tottenhall		St Michael	
Fish Tank maintenance	610.00	Christmas tree	£44.20
Bookbags		Christmas Presents	£720
		Year 6 Yearbooks –	
		final invoice	£792.17
Total	£610	Total	£1561.67

Noted that income was considerably down last year and at this income will not cover the standard spending.

Noted that SMAB income was higher

Tottenhall Book Bags were not given out September 2021

Total Income: £1,143.50 Total Spending: £2,171.67

### 6) Election of Roles and Trustees of the Committee for 2021/2022;

Chair(s)

- Treasurer

Secretary

- Teacher reps

- Charity Trustees

Bank Account Signatories

 Class Reps and other roles including social media, graphics, sales and event leads A summary of the roles was provided to the parents who joined the meeting.
Ediz expressed an interest in being involved in social media Rose and Evelina expressed an interest in being involved but not role specified.

Debbie agreed to host another meeting at St. Michael at Bowes for parents to meet each other and discuss roles

## 7) Non-event activities to be discussed

#### **Community engagement**

- Facebook A page was created in 2018. This is currently not being actively managed. There are 55 followers <a href="https://www.facebook.com/fotsapta">https://www.facebook.com/fotsapta</a>
- WhatsApp Groups Class / Year encouraging Class/ Year Reps and parent WhatsApp groups

#### **Fundraising**

Noted that the Facebook page is a "Page" only (not a group) so is used for communication about events and not chat. Ediz volunteered to manage regular posts, posts to be agreed by committee and schools, Debbie agreed to assist. Amy to provide

access.

WhatsApp groups – Dawn and Kyria both noted that they coordinate their class WhatsApp groups but there is not much uptake. Tottenhall parents noted that it is very difficult to engage other parents in the playground

Happy Bags – Kyria noted that she had enquired with Tottenhall office and understands Happy Bags are not currently operating. Agreed another provider to be looked into

EasyFundraising – Discussed the significant amount of fundraising available. All parents agreed to register and use the "promote my cause" function to access materials. Debbie noted this is on the school newsletter Action for Debbie to look at SMAB creating an information video to encourage parents to sign up

Match funding – To be reviewed again before events

- Happy bags Organised collection of bagged up unwanted clothes, bags, shoes and linen with cash donation by weight into Tottenhall FOTSA bank account (divided between schools). Collection organized by Tottenhall office. Did not run during Lockdown.
- ➤ Easyfundraising FOTSA's page has been running since 2016 and is managed by Tottehnhall office. Credit is paid into the Tottenhall FOTSA bank account (to be divided between schools). Since 2016 £919.48 has been raised, but currently there is only 1 active supporter.

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fotsa

#### **FOTSA**

**Donations** 

Donations Total Last 30 Days **£919.48 £12.99** 

Supporters

Supporters Total Last 30 Days 69 0

➤ Match funding — an easy way to double our fundraising if parents work for a company that offers this <a href="https://thefundraisingmum.com/how-does-match-funding-work-for-ptas-in-the-uk/">https://thefundraisingmum.com/how-does-match-funding-work-for-ptas-in-the-uk/</a>

# 8) Potential events for 2021/2022

1. Christmas Raffle – both schools - held during school day

 FOTSA previously assisting with prize donations from local businesses, preparing posters and flyers and selling tickets in playgrounds. Dawn requested the ability to purchase raffle tickets on parentpay. Parents agreed this would help and Debbie noted this would benefit the office going cash free.

Action for Debbie to discuss with SMAB office

2. Christmas Virtual Fundraiser

A repeat of last year's virtual event www.gofundme.com/FOTSA-christmas-fundraising

Agreed this should be run again this year. Action taken by Ediz to create the fundraising page. Amy to share the FOTSA log in to Go Fund Me

It was assumed this would not

3. Christmas Disco – Year 1&2 – Friday in December

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	FOTSA previously set up hall for disco, sell tickets on the	run before Christmas
	door, manage entrance numbers, cook, stock and sell	Turi berore emistrius
	popcorn, drinks and biscuits and play music, and clear away.	
	Parents are required to stay with their children	
4.	<ul> <li>Parents Quiz Evening and Dinner – Friday in February or March</li> <li>Held 3x in St. Michaels school hall. FOTSA previously did advertising for the event, get parents to sign up to have an Estate agent board advertising the event, sell tickets, write the quiz, buy food, make the dinner (curry and rice), apply for alcohol event license, order drinks, receive delivery of drinks and food, set up, sell drinks and raffle tickets, clear away. FOTSA invested in cheap IKEA plates and cutlery (to reduce disposable waste)</li> </ul>	Event discussed as a possibility for Friday March 18 <sup>th</sup> , done with bring your own food to make it easier. Amy to provide templates from previous events to new committee. Debbie to investigate using Parent Pay for the ticket sales It was noted that it would also be good to do a family (kids and parents) quiz night with an earlier start.
5.	SMAB Valentines Disco – Thursday in February	In the hope that Covid
	FOTSA have previously run the tuck stall.	restrictions allow, this event will go ahead 10 <sup>th</sup> February. It was raised that an event could be run the same week for Tottenhall as parents efforts to buy tuck shop items could be used for both events.  Kyria to discuss with Tottenhall
6.	Cake Sale/ Craft event (near to Mother's Day) after school	,
	3.15-4.30,	Debbie noted that SMAB would
	<ul> <li>FOTSA have previously run in March. FOTSA bake cakes, sell cakes, set up craft activities for a small fee (50p/£1) such as card making/ colouring in/ paper flowers/cake decorating.</li> </ul>	like this in Early May
7.	Summer Fair – Saturday end June/ early July	It was hoped that a physical
	• FOTSA organize all of the Summer Fair. Summer Fair is always held on Tottenhall playground. Lots of volunteers needed in advance planning and preparation, contacting advertisers and getting Estate agent boards up, sponsorships/ raffle and auction prizes and organizing BBQ, bouncy castle, stalls, donations, advertising, program printing. On the day 50+ volunteers needed. The fair has previous raised over £3,000. A virtual summer fair was held	summer fair can go ahead this time. Dates of 18 <sup>th</sup> June or 25 <sup>th</sup> June were proposed – action for Debbie to confirm  Planning will need to begin in January
	in 2020 but no event was held in 2021	
8.	2 <sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sales at Open/ Parents Evenings	Debbie suggested doing an
	<ul> <li>This was attempted in 2019. A good amount of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform was donated, but there were insufficient</li> </ul>	outdoors event on a dry day in January in the playground after
	volunteers to run the stall from 3-7pm. FOTSA have invested	school. Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan proposed.
	in 7 clothes rails (£5 each from IKEA) to make the sale rails	SMAB Eco team to support
	which are in Tottenhall's FOTSA cupboard	
		Advertising for donations will be
		required and if lots of donations
		it may be necessary to buy more of the clothes rails.
9.	Film nights	Debbie noted that this is being
<i>J</i> .	<ul> <li>Successfully run at Tottenhall, afterschool mid-week.</li> </ul>	planned jointly with Tottenhall,
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Ticketed with limited numbers of children and staffed by teacher volunteers	with film nights being arranged at both schools for the same night 14 <sup>th</sup> December
<ul> <li>10. Nearly New Sale/ Winter Wonderland (New event) – Saturday in November/ December</li> <li>Nearly New Sale has not been run by FOTSA before but is popular with other PTA's. Parents pay for a table / space (£10-£25) and sell their own items. FOTSA would need to advertise, organize in advance and run on the day. Cake, tea and coffee would be sold. If run beginning of December could also be a Christmas Fair / Winter Wonderland with Christmas activities and child made items for sale</li> </ul>	It was agreed this should be run in November/ December 2022 – no date agreed, or location. Planning will need to start before the end of the Summer term
<ul> <li>11. Sponsorship activity event – British Heart Foundation fundraiser (New Event)</li> <li>Previously proposed event - Adults and children request to be sponsored by their friends and families for completing a timed skip. Funds would then go towards the target to buy a community access defibrillator from British Heart Foundation which would be sited outside Tottenhall School main entrance. Skipping ropes and sponsorship forms were provided and are now with St. Michael at Bowes</li> </ul>	It was agreed this activity will be run this year and that donations for this community benefit would be possible. Action with Ediz on donations  Debbie noted this could be done in combination with living well week
12. Any other new event ideas	Debbie noted that SMAB would also like to do community events of;  • A family picnic, potentially around the Queens Jubilee  • A kids Art exhibition Debbie to confirm dates
9) Potential spending for the year	
Meeting to agree main spending priorities.	To confirm with Tottenhall what they would like to spend FOTSA funds on maintenance of fish tank and new Library refurbishment project.  SMAB request the same Christmas presents and year book. Action noted for Debbie to ensure the Year book makes mention that it is paid for by FOTSA
10) Any Other Business	
None  FOTSA documents About FOTSA  https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1OUQG8FhD1Q7vS5Fux1j GkmXjWvmYvKmK?usp=sharing	

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