

Friends of Stepgates School – Treasurers report September 2018 – August 2019

Closing Balance August 2018 - £10,277.00

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Treasurer – Sam Harris.

Accounts checked by Michele Fernandez

A break down of events is attached.

Foss have had another successful year raising much needed funds for the school.

Figures and comparisons as follows:

Discos

Halloween

2017 - £445.93

2018 - £615.26

February

2018 - £510.45

2019 - £641.47

Summer

2018 - £521.50

2019 - £655.50

We have continued to increase the profits made at every disco and they remain very popular. Maybe a simple Christmas disco again in 2019 could be worth consideration.

Fairs

We decided against a Christmas fair again this year, in favour of having a stall at the annual Chertsey Goose fair. There were no costs at all for this and we made a profit of £225.00

Summer fair

2018 - £1319.89

2019 - £2080.56

The Summer fair was again on a Friday afternoon this year and tied in with Sports Day. Despite some scepticism, this proved to be the second most profitable summer fair in 6 years. This is clearly the way forward if at all possible for 2020.

Black Cherry Fair

2018 - **-£176.53**

2019 - £42.62

The Black Cherry fair is more about raising the profile of the school than making money although this year, we did make a small profit. We also had the winning float for the 5th year running.

There was some confusion over the funding of this as some people submitted receipts and some didn't. I suggest that a budget should be set that covers all of the building materials and props.

Stalls

Christmas – renamed Elfridges

2017 - £357.31

2018 - £320.77

Mothers Day

2018 - £175.59

2019 - £314.60

Fathers Day

2018 - £161.76

2019 - £213.94

Elfridges didn't perform as well as in previous years but as it's just before Christmas, it's not surprising.

Mother's & Father's day both made large increases in profit compared to last year, this is to be expected now that Sunbeams are joining in.

We have continued to gain extra funds from Easy fundraising (£160.53), the used uniform sales (£71) and the Friday pop up stalls (£87.80)

This year again, we have been able to help the school and subsequently the children by spending a very healthy £6,011.78 on the following.

£1640.00 – School Trips

£375.00 – Christmas panto

£2250.00 – Classroom improvement donations

£600.00 – Forest school set up

£621.78 – Bins for the playground

£525.00 – Reading shed

We have already had invoices and requests for donations for the 2019/2020 school year and encourage the teaching staff to request funding for projects and clubs.

We should review the school trip donations at the next meeting and agree a total for Sunbeams to be included in the donation amount.

We have had a lot of problems with the current bank account held by FOSS and would like to change to a co-op account. This would give us much more freedom as far as online banking is concerned and we would also be able to apply for their community grant every year of up to £1000.

We are also looking at new ways of raising funds using grants and match funding, any suggestions gratefully received.

In summary, this has been a great year of fundraising by FOSS. We have managed to raise even more funds for the school than in previous years and have been able to say yes to all requests of funding whilst maintaining a healthy bank balance.

Well done all volunteers, keep up the good work.