

FRIENDS OF FALUN SCHOOL SOCIETY MINUTES

Monday, December 14th, 2020

Held on ZOOM

In attendance: Donnalyn Carson – Principal, Susanne Holmlund – President, Tara Schnell -Secretary, Julie Gainford – Treasurer, Amber Anctil – Fundraising Rep, Alberdien Keuper, Megan Tabler, Kyla Coady, Jillayne Bolton

1. Meeting called to order at 9:31am

2. December 14th, 2020 Meeting Agenda Accepted: Motion to approve the agenda by Julie Gainford. 2nd by Tara Schnell. Motion carried.

3. November 23rd, 2020 Friends of Falun School Meeting Minutes adopted: Alberdein Keuper moved to adopt the minutes. 2nd by Julie Gainford. Motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report – presented by Julie Gainford

No new info. There has been no money in and no money out of the accounts.

Chequing Account: \$11, 654.99 / Savings Account: \$4,209.67 / Casino Account: \$27, 154.54

Julie is working with AGLC to finish the year end report and they have recommended that she not change banks until that is complete.

5. Other Reports:

a. Meals By Moms – None

b. Fundraising: presented by Amber Anctil

-Amber has to report to the Casino what we want to spend our money on and they must approve it. The guideline book is quite vague, so she will have to discuss it further with someone from the Casino to clarify if a new playground would be considered an acceptable option to use our money towards and what portion of these funds we can use for this. Amber will also get clarification on whether we can place the casino money in a separate account to be used when we decide on the playground we will purchase, or if it needs to actually be spent before the deadline. An option, if this is the case, is that we can use the casino money we have to place a deposit on the playground so that the money is technically "spent". She will update us on her findings at the next meeting.

-Brenda from the Casino said that Amber could reach out to a lady there if we wanted to change our date for the next Casino. She mentioned that Christmas and Easter are times that they often have trouble filling with volunteers so those may be options for us. However, she also mentioned that the payouts currently are down quite a bit so it may be a better idea to wait and stick with our next scheduled casino hoping that the payouts improve by then. Our next date will likely be around Sept-Dec of 2021.

-There has been no date set for the outdoor movie yet as we are still waiting to see how Covid will affect this event. We will hold off on the date until our next meeting in Feb hoping that there will be a better idea of restrictions.

c. Grade 6 Fundraising – presented by Alberdien Keuper

-Alberdein has nothing new to report. Save your bottles for the bottle drive and if anyone wants them picked up earlier, if they are unable to store them that long, she will pick them up. Susanne will purchase Ice Cream Sandwiches for the treat day on the 22nd closer to the date just in case things change with Covid/School.

6. Old Business/Tabled Items

a) Teachers Wishlists/Playground Costs: Megan Tabler talked to Jeff Linch from the county about grants for a new playground. He sent her some grants that we maybe eligible for. There was a new playground built in Mulhurst not long ago and the cost for that was around \$100, 000. This playground cost more as it is an inclusive playground (wheelchair accessible), we will need to decide if we will make ours one as well or not. It will cost us more however there may be more grant options if we go that route. Jeff was unsure whether we would qualify for a grant as a school as he has only known the community to receive these grants. Megan will look into all grants available to us and update us at the next meeting. Jeff recommended the company Park and Play so Megan will also look into this.

b) Update on moving our bank account: The AGLC has recommended that Julie not move the bank account to ATB until the year end has been completed.

c) Online Book Fair: Donnalyn and Michelle have been trying to contact our Scholastic Rep about the possibility of an online book fair but have not heard back yet. The last email was sent on Nov 23, they will try again as they really liked this idea. They were hoping to have a plan for it before Xmas however that's not likely going to happen. Donnalyn will update us at next meeting.

d) School Fundraising: Poker Rally -Susanne has spoken with Corey Kozack about the Poker Rally, he is waiting until closer to the event to see if Covid will allow it to happen. He was considering Feb 27th as a possible date to hold it. He will update us closer to then on what is happening when he knows more.

7. New Business: None.

Adjournment of Friends of Falun School Society Meeting at 9:55am

Date of next meeting: February 8th, 2020 – 9am (following the Falun Elementary School Council Meeting) on ZOOM