**FRIENDS OF ST MARYS RC PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION.**

**Minutes of Meeting held on 21st of October 2024 in St Marys School.**

**1].** **In Attendance:** P. Phinn, [Secretary], J. McKenzie, [Chairperson] V. Ritchie,[Treasurer], E. Storrier, [Deputy Head Teacher], M. Keir,{ Parent },A. Curran, [Head Teacher ]

**2]. Apologies:** L. Malone, [ Parent ].

**3], Minutes of Last Meeting: Proposed by:** V, Ritchie, **Seconded by:** J. McKenzie

**4]. Treasurers Report:** Opening Balance £5470 .45p

Income : ASDA bag pack £993.05p Expenditure : Paper Cups £ 45.55p

Bingo Night £ 482. 00 Buckets for Bag Pack £ 19.90p

Total Income £ 1475. 05p Tea/ Coffee Bingo Night £ 113.94p

Total Expenditure £179.39p

**5]. Matters Arising:**

5a]. School Halloween Party will be held on the 31st of October 2024.

5b]. MacMillan Cancer cake and candy event Friday the 25th of October in the church hall , tickets available now , cost 50p.

**6]. FUNDING :**

6a] Treasurer informed the group about funding opportunities ,the group agreed to proceed with applications.

6b] Mrs Curran provided the group with a breakdown of how the schools three pots of funding is spent over the school year .

**7.] A.O.C.B**

7a]. Despite efforts to increase membership of the Parent Council there regrettably seems to be a lack of interest , this is disappointing, but we will continue to try and recruit more members, although it must be said that the parents always show great support for any events held by the school.

7b] The group highlighted their disappointment of the lack of P7 parents and pupils’ attendance at the ASDA bag packing event especially as this event was to specifically to raise funds for their P7 school trip. The group agreed that the money raised would be split ,one third to the school trip and two thirds to the Astro turf fund.

7c]. The issue of how children are rewarded in school, it is understood that some children do have issues and of course should be recognised when they do well , however parents were struggling to explain to their child the reasons for this when they feel that they are doing all the right things and they don’t get rewarded, for example sitting at the golden table ,

The staff recognised that this was an issue and have taken steps to address the issue .

**8.] Date & Time of Next Meeting :** 25th of November 2024 at 4pm at St Marys RC Primary School.