

Subject: Chairman annual report 2023/24

January Meeting to summarise the success of the Christmas Showcase and Raffle which have replenished our diminished FOSA account following lack of fund raising events over Covid. The showcase raised over £1200 and the raffle £2,500 to put our account back up to £4,000. The 500 club which had run throughout Covid still had £16,500 so the two accounts were looking very healthy again. The electronic improvements for buying tickets for the showcase and raffle tickets have both helped bring in more sales.

February No meeting due to the January one being postponed due to bad weather and finally held on January 31st.

March AGM, A well attended AGM with 13 attendees and all committee members remained in place with the exception of Diana resigning as treasurer after many years' service to FOSA both as treasurer and running the 500 club as well as being a Governor at the same time. Adele volunteered to act as treasurer until another person came forward.

On the 24th. We held a year 7 disco supervised by Serena and her Stewards which was successful and raised a good income. This was supplemented by Hazel running a bar for a college music night on the 31st which raised £300. This was very well attended and we require more notice of such events so we can man them adequately. We made a donation to buy electric pianos for the new College music room.

April No meeting due to Easter Holidays.

May We started to Gear up for the 90th. Anniversary dinner to be held on July 1st, hosted by the Edmund Rice Trustees but with contributions from ourselves to the running of the event. We were to provide, man and stock the bar, provide the table centres, provide ambient lighting.

June Lee/Hazel ran a successful bar for the traditional Leavers BBQ, hosted by the Anselmian Association as a recruiting campaign for the Association.

July The end of the school year was highlighted by the Anniversary dinner which was a successful well attended and well received event which produced an income for FOSA from the bar takings. A huge thankyou to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of the event and particularly the bar.

September No meeting after school reopening and first meeting booked for early October.

October The £10k which we had promised to donate to the Landscaping of the area in the quads was unable to proceed as the school did not have the funds to match our donation.

It was decided to use the donation for other deserving causes within the school. £3,500 for DT computers and monitors, £4,000 for tables and chairs for MFL to fit out 2 classrooms, and a further £1,000 to provide a new projector screen in the main hall and £1,000 to provide further picnic tables for the quads.

We decided on the prizes for the Christmas raffle and were able to proceed to place the order for the printing of the tickets.

Arrangements for the Christmas Showcase were also started following the success of last year's event. There were to be a couple of bands performing from the College and headliners Pillow Torque ex pupils from St. Anselm's and Upton Convent. The quiz was to be repeated using mobile phones and the hall screen. Lighting for the hall by Ferdia, treasure hunt, tuck shop and table centres as previously.

November Further planning for the Christmas Showcase making sure all roles were allocated to volunteers.

December Very successful Christmas Showcase, well attended and profitable and another very good Christmas raffle with good ticket sales backed up by electronic sales though Parent Pay. Lee and Hazel provided yet another bar, this time for the teachers Christmas end of term meal but this was a surprisingly quiet event.

January Plans were agreed to provide donation for redecorating the library and creating a quiet area within the library.

Donations of Sofas and a television were promised from committee members and finance towards the purchase of paint for the students to redecorate the room.