

Subject: Chairman annual report 2024/25

February AGM, committee all re-elected with the exception of Lee and Hazel Lloyd Green who stepped down from running the bar after several year's dedicated service. Graham and Heidi volunteered to be the new "Vera and Jack" of the FOSA bar, soon to be married as Mr. and Mrs. Jack and Vera. Adele completed her first year as Temporary volunteer Treasurer producing a full set of detailed annual accounts and moving up from her temporary position.

March Deana Kay took on the task of designing a Logo and Flier Header for FOSA to improve our image and heighten the awareness of our endeavours to the Parents. We tried to repeat the success of the previous year's Year 7 disco but Upton with drew their support as they were unable to provide staff cover for the event. Ideas were discussed for a farewell event in the summer to mark Mr. Duggans retirement and celebrate his legacy at the school.

The FOSA website went live following extensive work and input from Debbie Mears.

Finance meetings were started involving Adele, Debbie, the College Finance and Office departments to later include Serena and Rob. Original aims were to arrange meetings with HSBC Bank, improve the 500 club account and access and to arrange internet banking.

Mark made the draws for the November and December 500 club to bring the draws up to date, 2 months behind to allow for members joining and or leaving so their details were confirmed.

Heidi arranged a vote to assess which day and time the members would prefer for holding future meetings. Serena informed us that the college was not in a position to proceed with the proposed outside landscaping works to the "Mud Bank" which we had agreed to help finance. This freed up £10,000 to be used for other causes as identified by the College.

We discussed buying in "Volunteer" t-shirts or Polo shirts and identifying a supplier and acceptable cost.

Heidi was tasked with following up and actioning this.

Debbie and Mark were pursuing improvements to the 500 club to sort all active members and aim for long-term getting the club onto internet access and membership.

We agreed to assist with the formation and stocking of a quiet area within the College library. We agreed to donate for purchase of paint for the area and to supply sofas from donations or purchase.

April No meeting due to Easter Holidays.

May Heidi found a supplier for the Volunteer Polo shirts at a cost of £12.49 each and we all agreed to proceed and purchase one each with spares for future committee members. Picnic benches were purchased for the students to use during breaks outside. More names were added to the FOSA WhatsApp group from new volunteers. We were asked to provide assistance to man the tuck shop at the Ridings for an MFL exchange event for years 7 and 11 on June 8th.

Graham and Heidi ran a successful bar for the year 13 leavers BBQ on 24th. May. The Anselmian Association covered the costs of the students "Free drinks" to the tune of £130.

June/July We contributed to the New Parents evening on July 2nd. offering welcome drinks from the bar for the new parents and recruiting new members for FOSA. We ran a successful bar for Simon's Leaving do on July 5th. supplied lighting by Ferdia and arranged the live music by Pillow Torque.

We agreed to donate £250 to Simon Mason for the sport department and agreed to cover the cost of moving a piano from Ian Smith's house to the College which Jean Murphy was donating in memory of Ian.

On top of volunteering for the New Parents evening and Simon's leaving do we also attended a College open night supplying drinks and biscuits.

We held another meeting with the Finance department with Brian morgan and Sally Burrows. Brian advised us to move the FOSA account from HSBC to Lloyds.

September Serena introduced Corin Willis who as part of his role as deputy head was to be our new point of contact with the College. Lou Kerr and Fiona Wheeler set up and ran a new venture for us arranging food and drinks for Saturday rugby matches at the Ridings. They recruited volunteers from the rugby parents and arranged the purchase of the required stock and liaised with Tommy the Groundsman. This has continued to be not only successful and popular but a new source of income for FOSA.

Jill Welch from the College office gave a presentation to the committee over a proposed Christmas Wreath making event to be held at the College at the end of November. Jill had already prepared a detailed costing

and potential profit for this event and it was agreed to proceed with any assistance that we could provide to help the event.

Debbie, Serena and Rob were tasked with looking into the donations which FOSA had promised to the college and where we were up to in honouring these promised donations.

October A busy month for the bar and for events with the Anselmian Association dinner on October 18th. and Simon's 60th. birthday party a week later on October 26th. Graham and Heidi manned the bar with help from the following volunteers, Vicky, Vicki, Sam, Lorna, Collette. Ferdia again provided lighting to create the desired mood in the hall.

Rugby Saturdays were continued and doing very well, raising the profile of FOSA, providing an income source and providing a good well appreciated service for the Rugby Parents.

Tickets were ordered for the Christmas raffle and prized decided following the generous donation of 3 very good wrist watches, the purchase of a hamper from M&S arranged by Mark/Venus and the donation of a Tower of Treat by a committee member. All very generous and well appreciated.

November Further planning for the Christmas Wreath making event and the Christmas Showcase making sure all roles were allocated to volunteers. Table centres were provide by Fiona and the tables were set out by Joy Rachel and Serena for the Party. Ferdia again provided lighting and the college Jazz band provided the entertainment.

On November 28th. we held the Wreath Making event which was fantastically successful raising £2,110 plus the bar and raffle takings. The event was sold out and is definitely one to be considered for a future repeat event.

December Very successful Christmas Showcase, well attended and profitable and another very good Christmas raffle with good ticket sales, raising over £2,000 in tickets sales backed up by electronic sales though Parent Pay.