

## AGM - MINUTES

**Attending:**

Abi Hercules

Alicia Perez-Tejaeda

Alice Lythgoe-Goldstein

Anne Sheedy (nee Dubb)

Christina Petzny

Ellen Harris

Jo Edwards

Jo van Tijn

Joe Evans

Julie Morris

Kate Bonhote

Sam Dimond

Vicki Webb

(apologies from Zehra Jaffer (head teacher), Aaron Critoph (deputy head and project lead for The Hub) and Ann Hepburn (previous FoS Chair) who all couldn't attend)

Meeting date: 22.09.2025    online

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**Welcome:**

All to introduced themselves – all were parents with a spread of different ages throughout the school.

**Update on what we've done this past academic year:**

We worked with the staff to organise and run the quiz and online auction.

Joe Evans devised and ran the quiz.

We ran stalls at several school events.

Kate Bonhote set up our school lottery.

Vicki Webb set up a Just Giving page.

We have a new treasurer, Sam Dimond who got us up to date with our Charity Commission admin (this was a big job, going back about 5 years, so it is wonderful to be up to date with it).

We have added three new trustees (Jo Edwards, Sam and Abi) and released two old ones (Louise and Cara).

Abi Hercules made us a great new logo – and a flag for our stalls.

#### **Financial update:**

Sam talked us through our finances. See slides at the end of these minutes.

Abi asked for more detail which Sam said he will try to support going forward. Jo Edwards has spreadsheets that break down expenditure and profit for all individual events.

All expenses that have been through the bank ac up to 6<sup>th</sup> August are included.

The membership fee for ParentKind this year was £162.

Key Standouts: Events were successful, particularly the Quiz Night. Overall, events made up two thirds of funds raised. The latest fund-raising year has been the most successful since the charity was set up.

There was a discussion on creating sub-groups for our different funding revenues i.e. overseeing refreshment volunteers and pushing the Just Giving page for individual sponsorship events.

#### **Update on roles:**

Chair: Jo Edwards

Treasurer: Sam Dimond

Secretary: Kate Bonhote.

Trustees are now:

Jo Edwards

Sam Dimond

Abi Hercules

Ann Hepburn

It would be good to have at least one more. Kate Bonhote is happy to be a Trustee. She was voted on unanimously.

Ellen Harris would be happy to become a trustee potentially in a couple of years.

Signatories to the NatWest bank account are:

Ann & Cara.

Cara's kids left the school a few years ago, so it would be good to take her off.

It would be great to add Sam Dimond & Jo Edwards. This was agreed unanimously.

Ann can now send this to Nat West to action this.

**Current needs at the school:**

Hub - Zehra or Aaron would have given an update on where The Hub project is currently at, but they were not able to attend.

There was some feedback that focussing all fundraising efforts on The Hub is off-putting to some parents. It was felt that some fundraising should be used to help smaller initiatives in the school where the money could perhaps have a greater impact.

We agreed to discuss this further at the face-to-face meet on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Abi questioned how donations to the school had been decided previously and suggested that there ought to be a protocol for how these are agreed going forwards.

**Potential fundraising:**

We're having a meet on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Ryan's N16 for anyone interested in helping with/ suggesting things for fundraising for our school. To be pushed out on WhatsApp groups that Jo Edwards has included on the charity's latest newsletter, enabling people to sign up to them.

It was pointed out that having a meeting in a pub will be off-putting for Muslims, especially Muslim women, in the school community. The idea of having another meeting in a library, or community centre or at school was discussed.

Vicki also pointed out that people get involved in events for community building not just for fund raising and we should use this as a draw for people to get involved. She also suggested a google form to capture these ideas would be helpful.

**Upcoming fundraising events:**

November 13<sup>th</sup> Bingo!

December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Stalls at the School musical

December - Stall at the Winter showcase

Jo Edwards stated that if we have volunteers, we can run these stalls.



# Financial report: Academic year 2024-25

Friends of Stoke Newington School



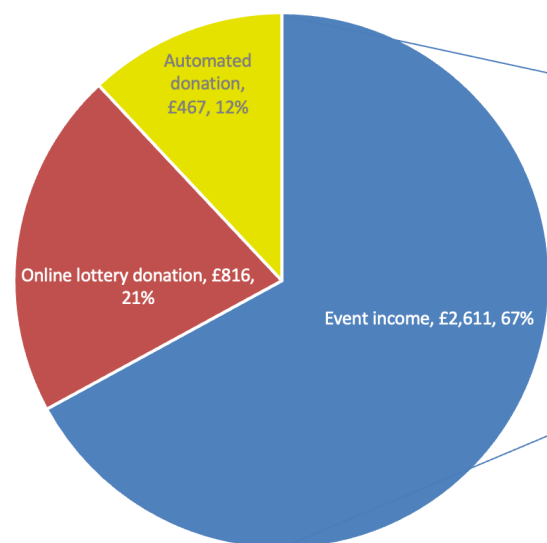
# Sources of income (academic year 2024-25)

Events were successful, with the Quiz Night being a standout, and we are grateful for new and regular sources of funds

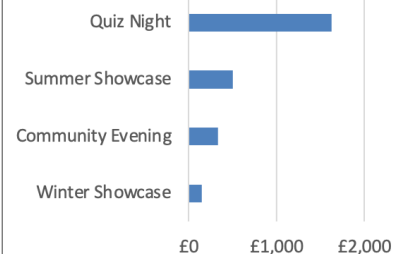
Sources of Income (Academic Year 2024-25)

Total Income: £3,895

■ Event income ■ Online lottery donation ■ Automated donation



Breakdown of Event Income



*Events this year raised over two thirds of total funds*

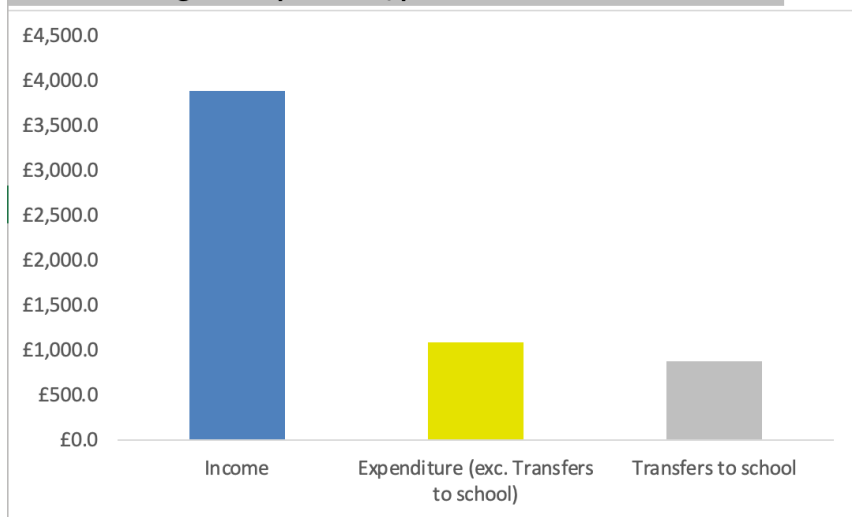
*The online lottery raised over £800 (21%)*

*We are grateful for the continued regular donations from parents of some current and former pupils*



# How much we raised and how some of the funds were used

**Total Income against expenditure, plus transfers to school**

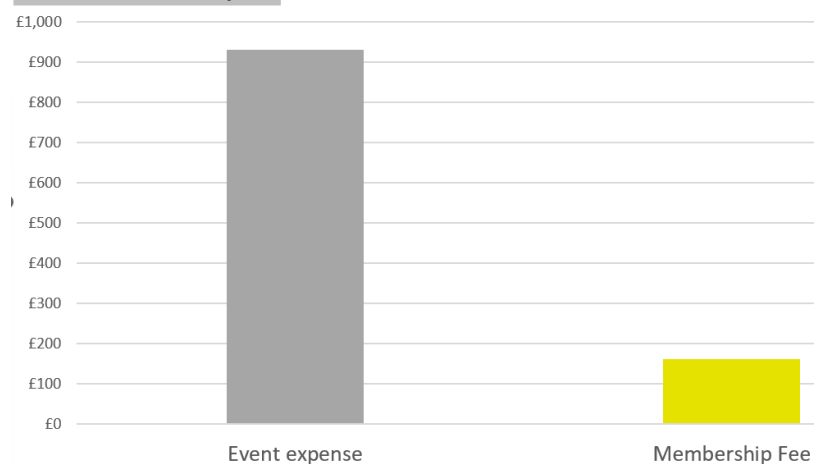


- *FoSNS raised almost £4,000 this year*
- *Our expenditure is relatively small, so we have a balance of approximately £2,300 to put to use, for example, towards The Hub (tbd)*

## ***Our expenditure goes towards:***

- *Helping us raise money for the school , e.g. buying things to sell on stalls*
- *Helping us create a stronger school community*
- *Supporting our ability to do the above (e.g. membership of Parentkind for insurance, etc.)*

**How Income Was Spent**





# Monthly Net Cash Flow

Ideas on how to raise funds are always most welcome; please join our face-to-face fundraising meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>! (More on this shortly)

