**Minutes of the AFS AGM**

**Held on: Wednesday 8th January 2025 @ 6:30pm**

**Venue: King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Boys**

**AFS Committee Attendees:**

Russell Bowen – Honorary President, Jitesh Samani – Chairman, Jeanette Crutchley – School Liaison Officer, Safeena Rehman – Treasurer, Ben Smolden – Buying Co-ordinator, Renata Huryn – Events Manager, Seerat Malik – Buying Co-Ordinator.

**Other Attendees:**

Martin Crutchley, Luul Mariam, Sue Rowlands, Sommiya Aslam.

**Apologies:**

Garima Singh – Vice Chair/ Volunteer Co-Ordinator, Asma Osman – Secretary, Louise Bates – Pre-Loved Uniform & Assistant Treasurer, Jamila Khatoon – AFS Link with Girls School AFS, Kamran Osman plus a number of parents and carers.

1. **Chairperson Welcome and Introduction**

Jitesh welcomed everyone to the AFS meeting. He appreciated everyone’s efforts and thanked the whole committee and new parents for being so active in the Christmas Carol.

1. **Honorary President’s Report:**

Mr Bowen started off thanking the committee and everyone involved in the AFS for all their hard work and dedication. Also, a warm welcome to the new Year 7 parents.

The main purpose of the AFS is to bring everyone together and to build a community spirit. We look forward to another successful year of events, fun and raising money for the school. Mr Bowen explained the ways in which AFS has helped the school.

* Prom excess fund
* Christmas Carol Service refreshments
* Chronicle - he said it is a beautiful memento of all great things that happen in Camp Hill
* Pre-loved Uniforms - a great help in this cost of living crisis

The Camp Hill Community Hub project was mentioned and Mr Bowen shared a 3D image of the building exterior and floor plans. He explained the building has a converted warehouse look which is a tribute to Birmingham’s heritage.   
  
Solar panels are also installed and electric chargers are functional as well.

Last year Camp Hill said bye to six staff members and welcomed seven new staff. The lead of Eco committee has changed.

**Report**: 

1. **Chairman’s Report**

Jitesh was thankful to the AFS members who helped and made the Christmas Carol a success.

He said with the number of volunteers growing, we need child safety awareness training in place, at least for the DBS cleared volunteers that help regularly. It was decided training will be arranged at next meeting in March. Mr Bowen suggested to send an email near the time to all volunteers asking them to read Annex A of Keeping children safe in Education. Jeanette to follow up.

1. **Treasury Report**

Safeena presented the report in detail. As of 31st December 2024, the AFS bank balance stands at £5,868.06.

The successful events were as follows,

* Winter Hamper = £586.93
* Carol Concert = £74.39
* Pre-Loved Uniform = £244.69
* (See detailed report for the year attached)

**Report**: 

Jitesh mentioned that running two hampers per annum would be profitable for the AFS and the school and as we intend to make this a long term commitment, he will apply to Birmingham City Council for a Small Clubs licence in order to pre-sell raffle tickets to parents.

1. **Volunteers for Rugby and Cricket fixtures**

Ben mentioned he needs volunteers to help during Rugby and Cricket home matches, as AFS serves complimentary drinks and samosas to players. Ben suggested a rota system so he knows in advance who can help and asked for help to pick the samosas from the shop before the game. A separate WhatsApp group was also suggested by Renata to send message for each Saturday game. It was decided that Jeanette will enquire if we can send targeted emails to parents of boys who will be attending the matches.

1. **Pre-Loved Uniforms and Hampers**

Jitesh mentioned Pre-loved uniforms has been a success this year and sending an email beforehand has helped with sales. He explained sales from hampers had exceeded expectations and raised more money than anticipated. It was decided that the draw for winter hamper will be done in small year group assembly on 20th January. Jitesh also mentioned that AFS needs to buy a licence for hampers, it will cost £40 for the first year and £20 per year subsequently. Jitesh to liaise Safeena to arrange direct debit.

1. **Quiz Night and Summer Social**

Jeanette is sorting out teams for Quiz night. Increasing the ticket price was discussed and it was decided to keep it same at £5 per person for this year. Another new event for summer was suggested by Renata, it will have food and fun games. Mr Bowen asked Jitesh to present a proposal and so it can be discussed and finalised at next meeting.

1. **AOB and Close**

Meeting closed at 8:30 pm.