**Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2019**

Present:  Judy Colclough, Lynne Dennis, Robyn Johnson, Wendy Barnes, Emma Goodwin, Helen Soper, Kim Wilson, Debbie Thelwell, Loraine Baker-Wakefield, Nina, and Lisa Hodgkison, Barbara Gibbs, Shirley Baker, Mr Protheroe from Crewe Rotary along with Frank, Dennis (Vice President) and Branan who is also a Rotarian and involved with Men in Sheds which comprises of 20-30 members who make woodwork things, so they design and make pieces.

1.  Judy Colclough opened the meeting and welcomed everybody including members from Crewe Rotary Club.  Apologies from Lindsey O’Connell and Di Brown

2.  No new members

3.   View Minutes of last meeting on website.

4.  The new school playground is now in place and ‘WOW’ it’s amazing, the children are enjoying laughing and playing and there is something for every child in there, photos are to follow on website soon.  Lisa is going to arrange for The Chronicle to come over to take photos and promote Springfest at the same time.

Maybe Men in Sheds could look at other areas which may need revamping using their woodwork expertise - these could be the guys to know!

5.  Springfest - The children are all ready for this event and looking forward to listening to their fantastic singing voices.  Letters have gone out to parents. At the moment we have £48 money in with £78 of pre-ordered tickets to chase, the programmes are also done.  Discussed who is doing what on the night / Activities etc for the evening / ways to promote a bit more before the night.  You can buy tickets on the night. Lynne Dennis is going to do the tombola and Loraine said that 6th form will man the raffle / Emma is going to do a glitter station.

6.  Our next mission for FOS fundraising is going to be a Springfield 16 seater minibus which will cost approx £35k. This is something which is in high demand because currently we are having to hire minibuses which are costly.   We would like to have a FOS sign on the bus.  Would we be able to get any sort of grant for this? It was mentioned about Hyundai offering a 25% discount if you’re a Member of The Caravan Club (Loraine!)

7.  Emma Goodwin Roberts Recycling campaign has raised £247.50 for 495kgs of clothes.  Planning another collection November. Mr Protheroe also asked if we could do a collection of old bras so ladies, here is your excuse to turf out the old and treat yourself to some new!  This is for breast cancer UK and instead of them going to landfill they are collected (providing in good condition) and given a new lease of life in under developed countries such as Africa etc then money goes to cancer research.

8.  Audit update - not discussed as we are still having issues with Judy being a signatory so it’s still ongoing.

9.  Treasurers report - Purple day raised £103.84 so a Cheque will be raised for The Rotary.  £116.50 was raised from Judy’s Mothers’ Day cupcakes.

10.  Summer BBQ - discussed various activities for the evening. Sportscape was mentioned along with soak a teacher, etc.  Judy is also putting the feelers out for the play bus again / things which are all weather and support from charities as there is it’s meet the teacher night and school staff may not be available to help. Searching for sponsors and raffle prizes as always. For the new pupils starting in September we are going to give a VIP ticket to the summer BBQ with a free burger.

11.  It was suggested by 4 MOD that the courtyard area needs revamping. It needs to be power washed and some plants putting in for the children to grow like seed spuds and flowering plants.  The chill room next year is going to be used as a cafe so it needs to look good.  Mr Protheroe will agree a date with Emma to come in and discuss ideas and things which maybe they can help with.

The Springfield Copse - As well as the crocus which were out in March/ April we need to look at a succession of plants / flowers for the memorial garden to last all year and maybe a bench which, could Men in Sheds help with?  Mr Protheroe just needs a plan from Emma. FOS will be happy to help but The Rotary may be able to help with some funding?

12.  Date for next meeting Thursday 13th June 2019.