**Wellspring West Sussex**

**Committee Meeting via Zoom**

**Wednesday 11 Nov 2020**

**Present**: Adam, Bernie, Carole, Chris, Debbie and Lizzie

**Apologies**: Lorna

**Minutes of last meeting - Agreed**

**Matters Arising** - None

**Financial** - Bank account balance **£3924.55**

Funds are allocated as follows -

Lizzie - £210.26

Wheely Wonders (WW) - £1126.57

Adam - £465

Chris - £528.10

Reserves - £1594.62

Changes to bank account fees from January 2021 – Monthly account fee is increasing to £8 from £5, and it will cost 50p for each cheque that is issued.

**Funding –** money has been received fromThe Thornton Trust £500 and £16.70 from Easyfundraising.

Lizzie has made an application to the Localgiving Covid recovery fund for £5000 for Creative Arts and Wheely Wonders projects.

**Lizzie – Craft Club/Wheely Wonders**

These projects are mostly covered in the Annual Report 2019/20. There has been one WW Family Day in August of this year which was a great success, attended by 6 children and one young person with special needs and 5 siblings. The remaining money for the project should cover 3 more days in the spring/early summer of 2021 if this is possible.

**Adam – Music Project**

Adam provided 7 sessions for PACSO in Chichester, 5 for Manor Green College in Crawley and 1 for the Ashdown Centre in Worthing, covering a wide age range and enabling his assistant Jack to get valuable work experience. The equipment bought by Wellspring in the previous year has been used extensively at QM Studios in Horsham (a non-profit organisation providing a professional rehearsal and recording studio, website qmstudios.co.uk). Adam is now employed by Manor Green following the success of his Wellspring funded workshops.

**Chris – Poetry Project**

Lifting Poetry off the Page was a very successful project run in conjunction with the Library Service. Chris provided 4 sessions at Fordwater School, 2 at Lyminster Primary School, 2 at Durrington Library & Primary School, 2 at Manor Green College and 2 at Worthing Library with story magic. There is a video of Chris’s session at Durrington Library on his website, chrisnorththestoryteller.com. Also under Chris’ section of the Wellspring website there is an introduction to Lifting Poetry off the Page.

**Newsletters**

No editions produced in 2020

The cost of postage for a second class, large letter is now 88p.

**Themes for 2021**

Life Lessons from Lockdown – Lizzie suggested the first edition to go out in February (hopefully) should be about life in the lockdown, coping with restrictions and the help that is available, the title was suggested by Carole and seemed apt. It could include an article from Peter Langton and a history of Mr Tumble.

The second issue could be Celebrating Diversity – This Is Me, to include art, poems, cartoons.

**AOB**

Lizzie explained how frustrating it was that she had made contact with several students at Chichester University who were keen to volunteer, especially with WW Family Days but at the present time these were not able to take place because of the Covid restrictions. It also highlighted that there is a gap between those young people wanting to volunteer and the contact with groups that need their help.

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Notes about funders

The Thornton Trust - Providing grants for the promotion and furthering of the evangelical Christian faith and assisting in the relief of sickness, suffering and poverty in the name of Jesus, in the UK and abroad.

Easyfundraising – raising money through online shopping.