**Suffolk Lullaby Trust; minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st September 2020**

Via Zoom due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Those present were: Derek Dunstone, Sally Nice, Andrea Corser, DI Claire Baldwin and Sally Dunstone.

Apologies were received from Christopher Boothby and Bernie Spiller.

The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated and were approved by the Sally Nice and Claire Baldwin.

Matters Arising

Fundraising

Andrew Dunstone ran a solo marathon on 7th June 2020 and raised £1003.00 for the Lullaby Trust via his Just Giving page.

The charity gig in aid of our group at The Grapes pub in Bury, which Claire’s friend had planned, was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Andrea and her husband Gareth suggested we host an on-line quiz, and raise funds via a Just Giving page. Sally Nice reported that fundraising for the charity is down by 40% this year, so funds are desperately needed. Things to consider regarding the quiz include whether to use Zoom or Microsoft teams for the quiz.

**ACTION Andrea and Gareth to arrange date and distribute this to the committee. Also, Andrea to confirm with Gareth how many people we can have at the quiz and if we are able to use Gareth’s Zoom account.**

Befriending

No recent befriending locally to report. On the National helpline Sally Nice reports recent calls from bereaved parents who were feeling isolated at this time.

SIDS Update/Protocol

Claire will email the committee with the date of a training event needing bereaved family input. Andrea has a CONI family who may be willing to speak at the training day about their experience when they lost their baby.

CONI Update

2 parents are on the CONI scheme, and successfully using the Snuza monitors. Lullaby Trust HQ donated the Snuza monitors to the families, from the 300 monitors which were donated to the charity by Snuza.

Health Education

No meetings are taking place due to COVID-19.

Website Update

Sally Nice’s email has been removed from our page of the website, due to a disturbing scam email received.

President’s Comments

Christopher was sadly unable to attend this meeting but wished to thank the committee for all their good work. Christopher is very happy to continue to be President of our group and sends his best wishes to all.

Chairman’s Comments

Derek thanked each and every one for all their support during the past year, and importantly we are still carrying on during these difficult days of the pandemic. With the addition of Bernie to the committee (and hopefully RM, a new detective working with Claire) the group is going from strength to strength.

Secretary’s Comments

“It has been a strange year to say the least. In the early days of lockdown, the helpline was busy but in recent weeks it has been very quiet. Locally I have had no contacts. Unfortunately, the latest figures for 2018 show a rise in the number of deaths to 198 after a record low in 2017. Head office is concerned that the increased pressure placed on public health services by COVID-19, might mean less support for our parents. The charity has predicted a 40% drop in income because of the national crisis. Thanks, as always to Derek, Sally and Andrea for their work”

Treasurers Update

We presently have a healthy balance of £5308.89 in our Barclays account. Thanks to Mark Rolfe for auditing the 2018 and 2019 accounts.

**ACTION Send Mark relevant documents to audit the 2020 accounts.**

Election of Officers

Chairman: Derek- Sally Nice proposed, seconded by Andrea.

Treasurer: Andrea Corser was unanimously elected.

Secretary: Sally Nice - unanimously elected.

Minute Secretary: Sally Dunstone – unanimously elected.

AOB

Derek suggested we donate funds to HQ, and it was agreed unanimously to send £1500.00

Date of next meeting Monday 18th January 2021 via Zoom.