

PTA Minutes

12th November 2014

Present: P. Johnson, C. Tallbot, D. Pearce, E. Hore, L.Reeves, C. Lowndes, V. Danks, R. Inskip and J. Smith.

Apologies: A. Buckley, A. Candlish, C. Lowe, T. Barr and K. Ellis.

Chairperson's Report 2013 - 2014: The Chairperson mentioned the events over the last 12 months - Beetle Drive, Barn India, Christmas Fair, Film and Quiz Night and Summer Fair. Thanks was given to all who helped over the 12 months and the Chairperson concluded that many projects were funded by the PTA over the year including £2000 spent on helping to fund the hall refurbishment and 4 new iPads (not yet ordered). Mr Lowndes explained why this had been delayed and thanked the committee for their support with ICT. Miss Reeves also commented on the success of the iPads throughout the school.

Treasurer's Report 2013 - 2014: The Treasurer stated that the main funding by the PTA has been for the refurbishment of the hall. It was also noted that extra classroom equipment and resources have been funded as well as Year 6 leavers' diaries. The Christmas and Summer Fairs were successful and brought in over £2000. The current balance is £3151.68.

Election of Committee: The new PTA committee is as follows

President - Mrs Claire Lowe

Chair - Mrs Pam Johnson

Vice Chair - Mrs Carey Talbot

Secretary - Mrs Vicky Danks

Treasurer - Mrs Emma Hore until Christmas then Miss Leanne Reeves takes over.

Publicity - Mrs Sarah Riley

Catering - Mrs Debbie Pearce and Mrs Claire Lowe

Risk Assessment - Mr Jamie Smith, Mr Charlie Lowndes and Mrs Vicky Danks

Barn India: The date for the event is Monday 17th November. It was agreed that a charge of £12.50 per person should be applied and that tables should not be in tens but if groups want to sit together then they should put their names and payments together.

Christmas Fair: The date for the event is Friday 28th November. A list of stalls and volunteers is available in the staff room. The alcove will be used for either surprise jars or the book stall going in the space creating better access to the refreshments. Mr Ahearne is to have a stall of his own. Mrs Candlish confirmed that the prizes will be ordered for the stalls and that she will get the raffle books. It was agreed that the price for the Mum and Dad Gifts will be £3. Vicky Danks is contact Claire Weymouth to see if Mr Gray will be Santa again.

AOB: It was noted that there is a shortage of new parents coming forward to help with PTA events. Mrs Pearce suggested putting a film on and having an adult look after children while the adults attended the meeting. She also commented that it would be nice to have tea and coffee available. Another idea was to have a PTA coffee morning for parents during which the committee could establish what night and time would be best for meetings so that more could attend. Mrs Danks will also ask Miss Gardner if 2 committee members can talk to her class parents when they have their meeting.

Mr Smith and Mrs Danks have both successfully completed their updates for first aid. Following on from this they commented on the campaigns for schools to have defibrillators and new rules in October 2015. The committee supported this request and Mr Johnson said that she would price up some defibrillators.

The Christmas Disco has been confirmed for 17th December and catering has been sorted. Mrs Hore is buying the prizes that the DJ gives out. Sarah will be asked to book the date for the 2015 disco.

Mrs Pearce asked if the hall could be used for New Look staff sale. Monies raised go to the Prince's Trust and it was agreed that a staff sale could be held free of charge providing the money was split between the school and the Prince's Trust.

Mr Lowndes is getting a quote for the adventure playground.

Next PTA Meeting: TBA.