

PTA Minutes

12th January 2016

Present:

P. Johnson, V. Danks, C. Lowe, A. Candlish, J. Smith, C. Talbot, A. Dykes and J. Convey.

Apologies: K. Ellis and L. Reeves

Christmas Fair: The committee agreed that the fair had been a success, raising £1034. The refreshments although in the same location as last year, were far busier and ran out of mulled wine! It was therefore agreed that next time the committee would make sure that at least 12 bottles were available for the evening. Thank you letters are still being sent out and the committee extended their thanks to all involved including Santa and his elves who hopefully are back next year. The queuing system will be looked into nearer the time of the next fair.

Christmas Disco: This year Class 1 held an earlier disco which everyone agreed worked well. The children wore "party shoes" as time was short for a full change of clothes. It was suggested that for the next disco, they could have a "wear what you like day", which would solve this problem. Mr Smith raised a health and safety issue with regard to footwear. Some of the shoes worn are not suitable and there was an incident at the last disco. Therefore, children will be asked to wear suitable footwear when attending school discos. The discos raised £180.

Children's Film Night: This will be held on Friday 12th February (last day of before half term) from 3.30 - 6pm. Cost per child will be £5 with a maximum of £10 per family. A "U" certificate film will be provided by the PTA and the children will be split into KS1 and KS2 (very successful last year). During the film, the children will be given popcorn and an interval will be incorporated for hotdogs and juice. Benches will be put out in the hall where all the children will sit to eat their food. Mrs Dale will be asked about pans for heating the hotdogs and for the use of the kitchen facilities. Mrs Dykes will ask Class 1 about their popcorn makers although the committee is in favour of microwave sweet popcorn. The rolls, ketchup, napkins and popcorn will be bought via a Tesco order and Mrs Candlish will purchase the hotdogs, chip shop style trays and cartons of juice. A letter will go out by the end of next week with a reply slip about attendance attached.

Film & Quiz Night: It has been arranged for Friday 18th March at 6.30 with an admission fee of £3 for adults and £2 for children. Mrs Candlish will prepare the quiz as usual. The committee decided that this year's food would be jacket potato with either chilli, tuna, cheese, beans or coleslaw. Mrs Candlish has kindly volunteered to make the chilli and Mrs Danks will approach Mrs Dale about cooking jacket potatoes and the use of the kitchen facilities including use of the cutlery. Mr Smith will ask Ms Salter if she would help in the kitchen. This will be finalised at the next meeting.

Madeley Spice Night Out: Mrs Johnson has looked into this and thinks it is too expensive. For a charity night on a Monday, they would want a minimum of 50 people and a deposit of £395. If it was to be held on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, they would want a minimum of 20 people and a deposit of £100. For this the Madeley Spice would provide starter, mains, rice and nan. Alternatives could be The Ambrosia at Loggerheads and Mrs Danks said she would make enquiries. The date for this event has yet to be decided but would probably be in April.

Kit Car: The school is now the proud owner of a kit car ready for building later on in the year. Facilities for storing the car must be looked into although Mr Ahearne is happy to store the car for the time being.

Community Chest: Mrs Danks will check if this is still available and then apply. Suggestions for the community chest money include microphones and an urn.

Funds: The present funds are looking very healthy at around the £3000 mark, although there are still some invoices waiting to be submitted. Class 1 requested a water tray at a cost of £114 which the committee agreed to fund. There was also a request for picnic furniture to replace the 2 existing tables on the top playground which are now beginning to fall apart. It was agreed that the committee would look into this request further following the pricing of replacements. Mrs Danks raised the idea of having a time limit on the money allocated for each class in order to have a better idea of funds available.

AOB: Mrs Dykes asked about World Book Day (6th March) and what the school normally does for this event. As an Usbourne Sponsored Book Organiser, Mrs Dykes bought the committee's attention to raising funds through sponsorship forms for children reading. The school would receive 60% of the monies raised. This sounded like a super idea and Mrs Dykes was asked to put forward this idea to Mrs Lowe (who unfortunately had to leave before the end of the meeting).

It was mentioned that Mrs Timmis had talked about a lottery related fund raising idea. People would be asked to commit to spending £1 per week on a number and if this was one of the numbers drawn on the lottery (including the bonus ball), then they would receive £10. The rest of the money would go to the PTA. Mrs Carey will confirm the details of this scheme with Mrs Timmis and bring them to the next meeting. Mrs Convey and Mrs Dykes also mentioned "The Giving Machine" and "Easyfundraising.org.uk" as other good ways to raise funds.

Mrs Johnson brought up the subject of the lack of new faces at the PTA meetings and events. Mrs Carey suggested having coffee first thing in the morning when the children are dropped off. Mrs Danks said that she would also write a newsletter informing parents of planned events.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 7.15pm