

PTA Meeting 03/10/16 Minutes

Apologies

Julie Beath, Kay Dingwall

Attendees

Fiona Sneddon, Brian Howie, Shaun Morley, Catriona Iley, Clare Dunne, Steph Clark, Dale Dow, Ali Mitchell, Iona Matheson, Kirsty McGregor

Treasurer/Uniform

The main account is currently sitting at **£2421.73** after a payment of **£335.70** to Ali Mitchell for toys for the disco.

The Uniform account is sitting at **£985.57** after a deposit of **£55** from the Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop has now taken in a total of £148 since starting up.

Charity Status

Dale advised that she has been looking into the possibility of the PTA applying for charity status. The application is free and entitles registered charities to purchases free of VAT. A number of grants we could apply for are only available to registered charities. Dale will investigate further to see if this is a viable option for us.

Disco

Ali advised that she has she has purchased toys, glo sticks and lucky dip items ready for the Halloween Disco, but that we still need some prizes. Clare advised that she has obtained the lighting equipment ready for the disco. Mr Morley and Mrs Clark will be acting as DJs.

Tickets will go on sale next week (w/c 10/10), before school breaks up for the October holiday, and will then be on sale again after the break, in the days leading up to the disco. Clare and Kirsty will assist Dale with ticket sales.

It was again confirmed that the current policy prohibiting masks of any sort will remain in place.

Medium Night

Dale confirmed that, after discussing possible dates with the Medium, she has booked for 11th November. The event will be held at the Cougar's Rugby Club. The Rugby Club have offered us their facilities free of charge on this occasion as they have recently renovated and trying to establish a new presence in the community. The charge will normally be £50 per event. Dale suggested that we keep this in mind for future off site events, particularly the family photo shoot. She has obtained a list of dates the club rooms will be available.

The Medium will be bringing a Healer with her to the event, who will be carrying out short Reiki sessions at a cost of £5-10. Dale will also be offering Reflexology taster sessions.

The Rugby Club will be opening the bar at 7pm for half an hour before the event Medium starts her show at 7:30pm. The bar will then be open again during the interval, and after the conclusions of the show, at approximately 9:30pm, until closing at 11pm.

Dale advised that the Rugby Club have also offered us a social membership.

With regard to advertising and ticket sales, Dale advised that we are unable to advertise in the school, or to send anything home in bags, however we can advertise on the school website (Mr Morley to confirm). Similarly, tickets cannot go home in bags. It was suggested that we check with Me Hunter if tickets can be sent home with children if they make no reference to the Medium night, and are sealed in a plain envelope. Dale to confirm.

First Aid

Dale advised that the first aid qualifications that were undertaken two years ago are due for renewal in January. There is not an option for a short refresher course. The price quoted is £400 for 12 people. Fiona advised that she had taken a similar first aid course with the guides which cost around £20 per person. Dale will investigate options for other courses. It was suggested that she contact the St Andrew's Ambulance association to check for prices.

Wish List

Following on from our last meeting, Mr Morley and Mrs Clark reiterated the seriousness of the issues with a significant number of the existing smartboard projectors. Mr Morley gave a demonstration of the Smartboard and projector in his classroom. The problems were very evident, with the images on the board being

very faint, dim and difficult to see, particularly from further back in the classroom. To give a comparison Mrs Clark gave a demonstration of her classroom's projector. The contrast was marked, and highlighted the problems with the failing projectors.

Mrs Iley advised that this is now becoming a priority for the school as the failing projectors are affecting the children's classroom experience, and 5 new projectors are urgently needed.

Clare suggested that she speak to Maplin to see if we can obtain a discount for a bulk purchase. She will follow through with this as a priority.

As regards the pupils' wishlist, Mrs Iley will be meeting with them this week to discuss.

Christmas Fair

Dale advised that she and Clare have sourced a considerable number of raffle prizes for this year's fair, and are continuing to look for more. Clare is also still trying to source items for a Christmas hamper.

Dale advised that we currently have 5 outside stalls allocated with the possibility of one further to be decided on, however she has not yet given this slot out as she has been waiting for the committee to make a decision on whether or not to use the space for a pocket money or sweet stall, or if it should be given to an outside vendor. As we have not been buying up toys throughout the year to stock a pocket money stall it was decided to use the slot for a sweet stall selling 1p and 2p sweets. Brian agreed to take ownership for the stall on the day.

The school stalls and games already agreed upon are:

- Craft stall (Clare taking ownership).
- Reindeer food and Lucky Dip (Mrs Iley to organise, with both being run by P7 pupils).
- Sweets in a Jar (Brian to organise).
- Baking (It was suggested that a paper plate be sent home with each child, with a rhyme asking that it be returned filled with baking. Dale to organise).
- Bacon rolls (Mrs Illey taking ownership on the day).
- Second hand books and toys.
- Tombola
- Facepainting and tattoos.
- Raffle (Ali advised that the raffle tickets have been ordered and will be ready to go out after the October break).
- Manicure stall (Mrs Clark will speak to P7 girls regarding setting up a manicure stall).

- Present room (Feedback from a poll placed on the Facebook page show a high level of support for the idea. The stall will consist of a room where children can go to make or choose a present for their parents. Mrs Clark advised that she has a large number of wooden hearts on which messages can be written. It was agreed this would be appropriate. Ali will source Christmas themed paper bags to use in place of wrapping).
- Angry birds game (Brian to supply plush toy angry birds for the game).
- Balance 20p on the lemon.
- Water and Wine (or lucky bottle) stall.
- Teddy's birthday (Mrs Clark has a teddy we may be able to use).
- Guess the weight of the Christmas cake (Kirsty is making a cake).

Dale advised that we are still waiting to hear back from the community police and the fire brigade regarding their attendance.

AOB

As previously stated, Dale has been looking into grants. Both the Lorraine Kelly grant, and the Arnold Clark grant had previously been suggested, however it transpires that the Lorraine Kelly is just for looked after children, and Arnold Clark is just for sports teams. Dale will continue to investigate in conjunction with looking into obtaining charity status.

It was decided to earmark the £150 raised from the Thrift Shop for improvements to the P7 garden. There is strong feeling that the P7 pupils, and possibly P6, need to be involved and feel they contributing towards the project. Mrs Clark will speak with P7.