

PTA MEETING 06/10/15 Minutes

Apologies

Kirsten Mackie, Hazel Ritchie, Lynsey Black

Attendees

Dale Dow, Iona Matheson, Shaun Morley, Brian Howie, Anne Dinwoodie, Ali Mitchell, Julie Beath, Kay Dingwall, Steph Clark, Fiona Sneddon, Catriona Isley

Funds Requests

Dale asked what the progress was of the projector requirements. Mrs Isley advised that Mrs Thompson's husband was able to provide a projector but that we would still need to purchase speakers. Mrs Isley will look into costing and will liaise with Dale on the purchase.

Dale also raised the issue with the funds request on updating parts of the school, Shaun Morley had approached Mr Hunter but was led to believe the repairs would be done and then we would be passed the invoice. This may be an issue as it would be better for us to be aware of what the money is going to in advance. Mrs Dinwoodie advised that Mr Hunter was looking for a lump sum, but Iona advised that with all the outgoings of the new term this would not be possible, however we have more in the pot than this time last year so we know that amount will increase. Iona will meet with Mr Hunter and see if she can get a list of priorities so we can pay for some projects now and more as the year progresses.

Fundraisers

Climbing Wall - This week, a letter went out to all parents for a climbing wall competition. Soreen are running a competition for schools (ends March) where we have the opportunity to win a climbing wall and have it opened by an Olympic athlete. All the parent has to do is register with the site and click on their activity cards, the school get 1 vote for every click, this can also be done for teachers!

Family Photos - other schools have recently arranged for outside companies to come and do a photo shoot for the whole family, the photo then costs £15 and we get at least £8.50 of that as commision. Dale has provisionally booked the dates with the company as 26th and 27th February and will arrange the lets. The company provide all the other things we need (letters, posters etc)

Medium night - a lot of the members of the PTA recently attended a Medium night that was a fundraiser for the scouts. Julie spoke about how she did not charge them (but not sure if this would be the same for us) tickets were a low price and sold out fast. We felt it would be a great parent fundraiser as these things are always popular and could use maybe a smaller room in the school. Julie is going to contact the medium and try and arrange something.

Creature People - Kim Watson suggested hiring a company that come out and bring small animals, tarantulas and snakes for a classroom at the Christmas Fair, we could then charge entry to the children as this sort of thing is always popular with kids! Fiona Sneddon advised how the Brownies recently done this with great results and will contact the company as they only charged £60. She will then update Dale.

Disco

Disco prizes have now been purchased/ordered. The volunteer list went live from today and it was agreed that we will decorate the hall immediately after school on the Thursday. Dale suggested we all wear something based on Halloween, we don't have to go full fancy dress but even a novelty headband. Ali will purchase the food and drink closer to the time. Tickets went on sale yesterday and have been selling well so far. Dale will make it clear on parents page that only helpers can stay! Dale will wrap the lucky dip prizes over the October break and if it is taking too much time, will seek P7 help.

Book Fair

Dale can cover the Friday. Steph Clark spoke to the Parent Council to see if any of them can help on the Thursday, otherwise we will put out a request on Facebook or look at Parent Helper letters that were returned.

Raffle Prize

We will definitely be having the Apple watch as a main prize, Dale has not yet managed to secure any vouchers towards this but will keep working on it, even if we do not manage, there is enough money made on the raffle that we could cover the cost. Ali will order the tickets this week so they are ready to go out the week the children return after the October break. It was agreed that as 1000 tickets are the same price as a less amount, we would just get the full amount.

Treasurer

£2584.21 in main account with money having went out for nursery buses, Mrs Dales request, musical instruments and P7 photos.

£1579.25 in uniform account with money having went out for football strips, gilmore and a reimbursement having come back in.

A.O.B

Dale has provisionally set the 17th November as the pub meeting for the Christmas fair, with the next meeting being Christmas Fair based.

At the scout fundraiser, they were able to get around the alcohol license by saying it was a suggested minimum donation. We will look into doing this for mulled wine.

Ali will look into facepaints for Christmas fair, although we have red, green and blue upstairs.

Cheryl Ronaldson asked about selling glittered alcohol bottles for Christmas Fair. Dale queried if we would need a license, but it was agreed that should not be a problem.

Stalls are already booking up for outside sellers with a 10% of takings request and a prize to raffle - this amount may need to be addressed in future as we were made aware other schools take more.

Dale suggested that we think about what is in the craft room for fair as some of the stations did not make as much as others, Iona will look into what each station took.

Dale has messaged Tesco but not had a reply, Ali has the number of the lady and so will call her up.

Kay is still trying to get something from Decathlon and will keep trying.

Santa has been booked and will arrive in a fire engine, children will be made aware that if they want to see him arrive to come 10 minutes before fair opens. Ali will look into the books again or other presents of similar value.

The book stall should be moved from where it was last year as was hard to get into, any remaining books can be kept for Corstorphine Fair.
