

St Anne's Fulshaw PTA Meeting – Minutes

Thursday 20th April 2017, 9am, Egg Box

1. Attendees

Lisa Vose, Natalie Lloyd, Emily Titley, Lee Molloy-Sherratt, Alison Marris, Sophie Taylor, Rachael Thomas, Lynn Hall

Apologies

Jane Gilchrist, Caroline Kelf, Lynsey Baird-Nelson, Claire Carter, Clare Lockett, Nicola Aslam, Clare Daniel

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting (which are on the school website) were approved.

3. Co-op Local Community Fund

We are now live as one of three charities that are being supported by the local Co-op, and will be so for a period of six months (from 10th April). Co-op members can log in and select us as the charity they want to support. Then 1% of everything you spend in store is donated to us. New members can sign up on line or in store. It costs £1 to sign up and you get 5% discount on shopping at the Co-op. Lisa will share the link on the school parents' Facebook page and publicity to go out with the Friday flyer and via Twitter. Would Dan or Tony be able to do a stall in the playground some time to share information and help people sign up?

Currently our total raised is showing as £873.03 – this is predominantly from money raised selling carrier bags in store (split between the three chosen charities).

4. Review of recent events and funds raised

Quiz Night

£317.36 raised.

47 tickets were sold. There was plenty of alcohol left over, which can be used at the next event.

Music Evening

£108.70 raised.

Cinema Night

£329 raised.

It would be good to do another of these as they are such good fundraisers but there may not be time now before the end of the summer term. Natalie suggested that in order to attract more

of the older juniors next time we could show two separate films (one in the hall for younger children and one for older children on an interactive whiteboard in one of the classrooms). We could ask for parental permission for those wishing to watch the older (PG) film.

Natalie bought drinks and popcorn for this event, as well as a few packs of cream crackers as an alternative for children who don't like popcorn. Aldi / Lidl are fine for purchasing provisions for these events – for bigger events it is useful to have someone with a Costco card.

Non-uniform and cake sale

£88 and £98.47 raised, respectively.

It was noted that most children were in own clothes but we did not raise anywhere near the right amount of money for the non-uniform day (£1 per child). Next time, would it be possible for teachers to collect in money and tick names off, or for parents to send in money in a named envelope to ensure everyone has paid?

Boden party

The total for this is now £577 (£428.50 commission on purchases and the remainder from the bar and raffle). This proved to be a very successful fundraiser.

5. Forthcoming events

Bag2School (25/4)

The bags for this are out and reminders are being posted on Facebook and Twitter. Nicola is overseeing this.

Bingo (28/4)

Nicola is overseeing this. We need to print out or buy bingo cards (Natalie to sort). About 60 are expected to attend. Tickets are £3 per adult and £2 per child for 3 bingo cards and a pen.

Natalie and Nicola will purchase pens and prizes, respectively.

Set up: Natalie, Nicola, Emily, Sophie, Lisa.

Kitchen: Natalie, Nicola, Emily, Lisa.

Carol Garner has kindly agreed to be the caller again. Nicola will organise the app. Lisa will post on Facebook, requesting 5/6 cakes as well as cookies and fairy cakes for the children.

There will be an honesty bar – Nicola is checking our supplies for this and will get a licence.

Claire C has the glasses. We need to check the PTA cupboard for plates, etc.

We will borrow a tea urn from the WI as well as a big metal tea pot.

It was suggested that we could buy a tea urn as this would be a useful thing to have for PTA events and could also be used by school for big meetings etc. Lee recommended a catering supplier in Hazel Grove [N.B. Subsequently Lisa was able to find a cheaper one on Amazon and has ordered this].

Tea, coffee £1. Cakes £1. Cookies etc 50p. Soft drinks 50p. Nicola will buy cordial and Rachael will order a multipack of crisps from Tesco.

6. PTA roles

As Lisa is now co-chair she would like to step down from the publicity officer role at the end of the summer term. We also need a catering manager – we usually have lots of parents offering to bake / make food, but someone is needed to coordinate all of this for events.

7. Static bike event

Jane has put together a proposal for this and sent it to Clare Daniel. The idea is that we borrow 4 exercise bikes and Year 5 and 6 pupils try to cycle the distance of the bike ride (approx. 170 miles) on the day the cyclists set off, starting at 4pm.

We discussed running this event throughout the school day rather than after school, and aiming for pupils to keep the bikes going all day rather than having a target of a set number of miles. It could be opened up to younger years as well as Years 5 and 6. Bike seats can be fixed at different heights.

Can parents loan exercise bikes for this, and if so, are turbo trainers a better size for the children? Alternatively, the leisure centre may be able to loan us some bikes.

Would it be possible for a teacher in school to coordinate this on the day and sort out a rota for the children cycling?

Children could either be given sponsorship forms, or we could have buckets for contributions, as discussed at the last meeting.

8. Bike ride

Lee and Sean have finished planning out the precise route. Lee is going to do a sponsorship push in the playground in the run up to the event. He could do with a helper. Thursday / Friday is best for him. The cyclists will be leaving around 8.30am on the Friday. We will have sponsorship forms available on the day of departure to catch last-minute donations. There are 21 cyclists, plus Sean driving the minibus. Lee has arranged a meeting next Thursday evening in the Old Dancer to pass on final details to participants.

Lee raised the point that this is his last year at St Anne's and asked if the committee had any ideas for fundraising events for the future. A few suggestions were discussed – fun run / family bike ride event / ball / murder mystery. It was agreed that an outdoors challenge has lots of benefits for participants as well as being a good fundraiser, so something else physical such as a long-distance walking challenge might be a good idea. Alternatively, someone might step forward to organise a future bike ride (or possibly a team of people).

9. Mrs. Thomas – PTA reimbursement for Mindstorms robot for Lego League competition

It was agreed that the PTA will reimburse Mrs. Thomas for this.

10. 200 Club

Renewal forms have gone out to existing members. Henceforth, the 200 Club will run from September to August, so for this year people can choose to renew from April to the end of August (with the options of signing up again in September) or April to the end of next school year. The cost is still £1 per month. Peter Hall has made a flyer to promote the club and will share via social media.

11. AOB

We briefly discussed how to streamline PTA communications, and whether it would be worthwhile setting up a generic PTA email address and Twitter account.

12. Date of next meeting

Friday 5th May, 8pm at Emily's house (email Emily to confirm if you are attending and to get her address: emilytitley@yahoo.co.uk) This will mainly be a planning meeting for the summer BBQ.