

St Anne's Fulshaw PTA Meeting – Minutes

Tuesday 16th May 2017, 9am, Egg Box

1. Attendees

Lisa Vose, Natalie Lloyd, Clare Lockett, Sophie Taylor, Beverley Meyer, Sean Carter, Jane Gilchrist, Lynsey Baird-Nelson, Alison Marris, Lynn Hall

Apologies

Emily Titley, Nicola Aslam, Caroline Kelf, Rachael Thomas, 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. Review of recent events and funds raised

Bag2School (25/4)

£128 raised. We decided to arrange another one of these before the end of the summer term, as people are likely to be sorting out summer clothes at the moment and getting rid of things. Lisa has booked Friday 30th June (bags will come into school w/c 12/6).

Bingo (28/4)

We made around £375 profit on this, which is more than last year. More alcohol was sold (in particular, prosecco) and Lisa manned the bar – usually this is an honesty bar. Fewer hot drinks were sold this time. We sold crisps for the first time and these were popular.

4. Forthcoming events:

Summer BBQ (16/6; reserve date 14/7)

Proposed activities are:

- Bouncy castle and slide
- Washing line
- Glitter tattoos / war paint
- Golden bucket
- Archery
- PFC
- Guess the number of sweets in the jar
- Crazy Sand craft
- Tug of War
- Welly wanging
- Treasure grid

Golden Bucket – this is an idea that Lisa has seen on the PTA Social Facebook page. A volunteer goes round with a gold-painted bucket, people put in a pound and a ticket with their name, and at the end of the evening a name is drawn out – the winner gets half of the money in the bucket and the PTA gets the other half. This will be aimed at adults not children.

Bouncy Castle – Lisa has booked a dinosaur 12ft x 14ft bouncy castle and a 27ft superheroes obstacle course / slide with Dave Bingham – Bling Castles. We have been given a discount - £105 for both rather than £55 (bouncy castle) and £75 (obstacle course/slide). There is no cancellation charge if at least 2 hrs notice is given; hopefully we will be in a position to give 24 hrs notice if we are postponing. They will accept cheque payment for school hire; cash / BACS are preferable.

The bouncy castle will be for children of any age. The obstacle course will be for school-aged children only. There will be an adult supervising each piece of equipment, with a whistle and a timer – we will work on 5-minute time slots.

This will be charged at £1 per go / £3 for unlimited access. Lisa will purchase paper wristbands to hand out to those paying for unlimited access.

Archery – Lisa has booked 2 sets from Decathlon. Lisa or someone else with ID needs to collect them on the 15th / 16th and return them that weekend.

Face paints – this is time consuming, and it was agreed that this year we will do neon war paints instead. Lisa will get the paints and we will charge 50p per child.

Glitter tattoos – Tattoos are always popular, and Jane has seen glitter go down very well at other events, so she will order these.

Raffle / prize grid – it was decided that we will not do these this year as we will have the Golden Bucket for adults.

Treasure Island grid – we will use this as a treasure hunt activity for the children, with one big prize such as a Kindle Fire. It was thought we would be able to get something like this for about £30. Lisa has a map with a grid on it that we can use, and we will charge 50p per go.

Crazy Sand – Lisa has a flyer for this, which is a Macclesfield-based company. It is a craft activity where the children fill various shaped containers with coloured sand and take them home as a memento. We agreed to buy the Silver Start-Up kit, which costs £113.50 and has a projected

revenue of £230. Any unused containers and sand can be used at future events.

Guess the number of sweets in the jar – Sophie will organise this again.

It was agreed that we want no more than about 10 stalls, so this year we will not have the Lucky Dip, prize grid, face painting and obstacle course.

Food – It was agreed that instead of a fruit salad we will ask for bowls of strawberries this time. We also need more children's biscuits than last time – little cakes / buns / brownies rather than jam tarts / plain biscuits. We will also sell crisps this time, as these were so popular at Bingo Night.

The spreadsheet for food donations and stall volunteers is being shared amongst parents and on the Facebook page, and a message will go out on the Friday flyer.

Barbecue – Andy Morrison has kindly agreed to supply the meat and barbecue again. We need to confirm quantities of meat – Lisa is checking what was ordered last time. Sean Carter will assist Andy with the barbecue. Ideally, we will start serving food earlier this year, and it was suggested that we could get the gas barbecue at school going if necessary, in order to make a start on the hot food.

We will use the same layout as last time, with the BBQ and food set up in the side playground, and the bar, desserts and seating area in the back playground.

It was noted that last time by the end of the evening it was extremely dark, but hopefully that won't be an issue this time if we are able to run the event in the summer rather than September.

Static Bike Ride (9/6)

The Leisure Centre has agreed to loan us 4 spin bikes for this event. Unfortunately, however, the bikes are too big and heavy even for the older children to manage, so we are currently discussing other options for a fundraiser to coincide with the departure of the PTA bike ride to Blenheim.

Film Night

Following on from a discussion at the last meeting, we talked about the possibility of running another film night, and it was agreed that this should be booked and organized at short notice after half term if the weather is not good, rather than fixing a date now. Natalie suggested we

pick new releases, such as *Sing*, to attract more children. It was also agreed that we will try to show two separate films for the older and younger children.

Non-uniform / cake sale

The next non-uniform day is Friday 26th May – there will not be a cake sale that day as the children will be doing other activities to fundraise for the Lumos charity. It is hoped that Class 2 will hold an ice cream sale next half term in lieu of the cake sale on the 26th.

Tuesday 25th July – this cake sale will be run by Class 1.

Sports Day (23/6; reserve date 30/6)

The PTA is hoping to provide drinks and cakes for sale on Sports Day.

5. Co-op Community Funding

Some parents are still not aware of the funding we receive if they sign up to the Co-op members' club. Tony has requested leaflets from the Co-op store so we can hand these out in the playground or put them in book bags. Lisa will do a poster for the noticeboard and will also publicise it on an A-board in the playground at pick-up time. The current total raised via this scheme is £879.

6. AOB

Cheese and Wine Night

Alison has suggested holding a Cheese and Wine night next year. She is able to source 4 different varieties of cheese for 50 people for £17. It was suggested that we could do this instead of a Quiz Night next year as our previous quizmaster Darren will not be available.

Treasure Hunt

Alison also suggested running a Treasure Hunt – possibly after school some time. This is something that she would be happy to set up.

Supporting residential trip costs

There was a general discussion about PTA funds and whether these could be used to support school residential trips. It was felt that some of the PTA money should go towards providing these experiences for the children. For example, could the proposed Cinema Night next half term be run as a fundraising event to raise money for activities on the Year 2/3 residential? If so, could the year groups involved help to run the Cinema Night?

Dove Trust

We received a payment of £345.74 on 29th December 2016 from the Dove Trust as an additional part reimbursement from the 2013 bike ride.

PTA email address

We now have an active email address for any PTA-related correspondence:

pta@stannesfulshaw.net

7. Date of next meeting

This will be the AGM. Date TBC – Lisa, Emily and Nicola to discuss with Clare Daniel.