

St Anne's Fulshaw PTA Meeting – Minutes

Friday 1st March 2019 – St Anne's Fulshaw – The Egg Box

1. Attendees

Emily Titley, Susie Withington, Fiona Toms, Penny Thomas

Apologies

Lisa Vose, Vicky Wilson, Rachael Thomas, Sophie Taylor, Lynn Hall, Nicola Aslam

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

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

3. Review of recent events and funds raised

Disco – Friday 26th January 2019

This year's disco went very well and we raised £630.79 which is more than last year.

Ticket sales were quite slow in the lead up to the event but despite this we had over 100 people attend. For the first time we sold tickets in the playground and this did seem to go really well and was appreciated by parents and Mrs Clark.

Tickets were sold at £4 each including 2 glow lights. This is the second year in the row that we have had the glow lights so it might be worth coming up with an alternative for next year. We did sell extra glow lights (4 for £1), but these weren't as popular as last year and we do have about 20 left over. (We purchased 300 glow lights in total and would have given about 200 with tickets.)

The tuck shop was well stocked and the pick and mix bags sold out very quickly. (We had about 80 of these.) There quite a few chocolate bars, crisps and fruit shoots left over. (Emily Titley has a separate spreadsheet with how much stock was purchased and how much was left over.) We are planning on holding a tuck shop one Friday after school to sell off the surplus crisps and chocolate bars. The fruit shoots will last until the bingo night or the summer BBQ.

The bar was well positioned between class 1 and 2 and was well stocked. We had a mixture of lager and ale which went down well. It was noted that some of the lagers were pretty explosive when opened which meant there was quite a few spillages. We do need to think about recycling at events as we do use a lot of plastic and glass.

Thanks again to Steve O'Connor and Dion Davie for all their help with the disco this year. The playlist was greatly enjoyed by all the children and the lighting was perfect. We also used the spotlights in the hall to add extra lighting.

Bag2School

£112. Emily Titley to arrange another collection date for the summer term.

Non-uniform / Cake sale

Non uniform raised £110 and the cake sale raised £58.60.

4. Forthcoming events

Cinema Night 8th March 2019

To help ease Mrs Clarks workload we will be selling cinema tickets in the playground on 1st March, 6th March and 7th March. Tickets are £4 each and include a bag of popcorn. Children will bring their own water bottles to drink from. Susie Withington to purchase the popcorn and Emily Titley to purchase the DVD which is Small Foot. Emily Titley to speak to Mrs Clark about After School Club.

Dads night out 22nd March 2019

This event is being organized by a group of dads from class 2 (Ross Davison, Andy Withington and Richard Matthews) Tickets are on sale at the moment and cost £15 including a curry from chutney masala and corkage charge as the event is BYOB. There will be a buy in for the poker game plus other entertainment such as table tennis and x box games. This event is not just limited to dads at the school and all friends and family are welcome.

Mums night 29th March

Tickets will cost £7.50 each and will include a cocktail on arrival and nibbles (crisps and pretzels etc). There will be an honesty bar selling wine and prosecco and soft drinks. Emily Titley to apply for license. We will start selling tickets after cinema night and will sell them in the playground after school.

Susie Withington has booked a make up artist to do a demonstration and we also have a beauty therapist coming down to give mini manicures and reiki therapist to do a 15 demonstration. (Small charge for each of these and all proceeds to school.) Appointments for the mini manicures and reiki therapist will be booked on the night and will run from 7.30 – 9.15pm.

There was discussion about holding a swap shop but we decided to initially approach a company called Style Sisters who could come down and sell clothes. Emily Titley to approach Style Sisters to confirm availability.

Bingo Night 26th April 2019

Emily Titley to approach Carol Garner about being the caller for this year. Tickets will be £3 per adult and £2 per child as usual. There will be three rounds with a break for refreshments between each round. Emily Titley to arrange license and prizes for the event. We will ask for donations of cakes from parents and will sell soft drinks, alcohol and tea and coffees. We have plenty of fruit shoots left over from the disco and Emily Titley to check bar stock and buy any extra alcohol etc that we might need. The bingo night is the first Friday back after Easter holidays so tickets will need to go on sale before the school closes for Easter.

Family camp out 18th May 2019

Susie Withington asked about changing this event to Friday 17th. There was some concern that this might not work so well with parents whose children have clubs on a Saturday but eventually it was decided that we would approach Clare D to see if the date could be changed. Susie Withington to approach Clare to see if event can be held on Friday 17th May.

5. 100km Walk

So far we have 6 parents committed to the full 100km and there are several parents joining them at various distances throughout the route. We will try and generate more interest from parents.

We are not able to collect sponsorship at the moment as we are in the process of registering with wonderful.org which can take up to 28 days. As soon as the registration process is complete we will share the link with parents and do a real push for sponsorship.

We would like to get as many children involved in this event as possible and will be asking them to do a sponsored walk for the last 5km. All children will be sent home a sponsorship form and asked to sign up online if they would like to receive a medal at the end of the walk. (Susie Withington is in touch with Eric from WFA who is going to help us get medals made for each walker.)

Penny Thomas is going to get the Sports Ambassadors / Games Makers involved to generate interest amongst the pupils and encourage them to sign up for the walk.

We would like to end the walk with some sort of party – possibly at the Farmers Arms pub beer garden. Susie Withington to speak to the Land Lord of the pub and see if he could put some of food on for us.

6. John Lewis funding

We have received £1000 cheque from John Lewis for the community funding. We would like to say thank you to John Lewis and would like to involve the children in this. Penny Thomas agreed to ask class 5 pupils to create a short video thanking John Lewis. We will then tweet this. We will also send a thank you card and get a pupil from each class to sign it.

7. Community Funding (Jess Davison and Belinda Walmsley)

Our application to Waitrose community funding has been successful for the month of March. We will get a share of £1000 and are up against two other charities.

Co-op community funding applications open again spring and we are planning on reapplying for this.

We are still awaiting from quotes and various other supporting documents for other applications such as Tesco.

We have also emailed the school about WH Smith to support literacy as we thought we could apply for a grant cover the cost of an authors visit. Awaiting idea of rough cost from Penny Thomas.

8. PTA roles

Emily Titley will be stepping down as Co-chair at the end of this academic year. Susie Withington is undecided as to whether she will continue in the role. If anyone is interested in taking over as Chair or Co-Chair please get in touch with Emily or Susie.

We also need a secretary who can attend day time meetings – if you are interested in this then please also approach Emily or Susie.

9. AOB

PTA events letter to parents

As we have a lot of events coming up over the next couple of months we discussed the possibility of sending a letter out to all parents detailing the events with an order form attached so they can easily order tickets etc. Susie and Emily will work on this.

Pop up ticket stand for future events

As the pop up ticket stand for the disco worked so well we have decided to do the same thing for the mums and dads nights and the bingo night.

Book People

Emily Titley discussed the idea of inviting the Book People in to run a stand in the school. We would get a cut of the profit from the stand. Emily to speak to Clare Daniel about this.