

PTA Meeting Minutes 13th January 2pm

Attendees: Susie Withington, Jane Gilchrist, Jess Davison, Rachael Kestamont.

Apologise: Fiona Toms, Sarah French, Rachael Thomas, Leanne Watson Parke, Gileng Sullivan, Clare Daniel

1) Christmas fair review.

- a. Bar – was busier this year, good amount of alcohol. (made similar amount to last year £12.76 more)
- b. Café – Nicky had cooked the sausages before we arrived then we transferred them to the hot plates. Very easy to serve, meant we didn't need to have as many people in the kitchen. Only 2 people asked if there was anything other than sausages. Didn't make as much as last year (£92.75 less) but much less stress. Cakes/mince pies not particularly popular. Cookies went down well. Didn't do mulled wine – no one asked about it.
- c. Chocolate tombola – popular again. Still had donations of multipacks with nuts in. (approx. £60 less)
- d. Bottle tombola – popular, too many tickets in bucket so odds of winning were low – must remember not to make this mistake again (approx. £44 less)
- e. Teddy tombola – far less teddies but we actually made approx. £10 more and we weren't left with too many teddies.
- f. External gift stall – wouldn't bother with this again – external stall holder disappointed with sales. Possibly too late for people to want to buy gifts?
- g. Gift stall – consider alternatives to sweet cones next year. Decorations sold well, Christmas puddings didn't.
- h. Money Tree – not many envelopes this year – envelopes were sent out quite late. Possibly not as many as asked not to put sweets in?? Try something different next year – possibly jolly jars. Send them home at half term. Maybe try Lucky Dip.
- i. Grotto – few children commented they didn't get a gift off Santa as selection boxes weren't wrapped.
- j. Pine Cones – not especially popular and very messy!
- k. Snowman marshmallows – very popular but there were lots of half eaten marshmallows around.
- l. Hairspray & Tattoos – popular – would do this again next year.
- m. Raffle tickets – all sold out again.
- n. Lucky bucket – worked well having it on the front door – need 2 people on entrance though.

2) 100km Walk

Date set for 16/17th May. SW happy to do walk but not able to arrange route this year - Laura & Steve Appleby have agreed to do logistics – SW to just confirm this. Jane G mentioned Mike Hulmes might be interested in helping with this too. Nicola Coppock mentioned she may have a corporate sponsor – SW to ask. SW to post on Facebook group and see about organising first group training group, however the onus is on the individual to train and make sure they are ready for the walk.

3) Stripe

This is like PayPal and will allow us to set up PTA Events so parents can buy tickets for events online. Individual will have to input our bank details and agree they are responsible for account – we have sent in a DD form to prove that it is a joint signatory account, it was proposed SW can fill details in and tick box if GM and JG agree – approval granted. SW to try to finish registration.

- 4) Disco
This is on 7th Feb – Caroline Kelf is lead and already has the event in hand.
- 5) Clothes bin
Only had to have bin emptied once which makes approx. £40 which is roughly 1/3 of what a bag2school event collected last year. JD has requested special bags to be sent to school – these will go out in book bags and we will set a date for the net collection. JD to get bin emptied before then as it is nearly full again. PTA to remind parents regularly of this facility.
- 6) Cookbook
So far only had about 5 recipes back. In order to get compliance it will need to go out as official homework for every pupil otherwise it won't get done, which is understandable as parents and children are so busy. Aim to sell at summer fair. Ask CD if it can be set as homework over the Easter holidays. To also ask PT for recipes from cookery club and to get children to vote on favourite school dinners and include them. Need to put together a more detailed explanation for pupils to follow. SW to ask CD re homework and go from here including the cookbook committee.
- 7) Cinema night
Class 2's event, SW will sell tickets at drop off and pick up and see if she can recruit other volunteers from class 2 to help on the night. BW has offered to help already. Toy story 4. Snack will be popcorn and fruit but agreed we need something else too as the children are always asking for more. Had a long discussion about what we could give, decided little bag of biscuits, although not healthy we are offering fruit and couldn't come up with any alternatives.
- 8) Ladies' Night
Class 3 event - Jane G is lead on this event and has set up a WhatsApp group including other class 3 parents to start organising. Similar format at last year's ladies night but instead of fashion retailer we will hold a schwop shop. We will ask parents for donations of good quality clothes. Possibly try to have a fashion show with some of the donated clothes. Drinks and nibbles to be served. JG to investigate therapists who could come on the evening and SW to send her details of those who gave their time last year.
- 9) PTA Roles
We still need a social media officer – the job would involve keeping parents informed of PTA events via twitter and Facebook. If they could help with posters that would be great (SO'C has very kindly designed the posters for us this year so far which have been fantastic).
If anyone is interested in Co-chair/Vice Chair, please let SW know as this role is vital.
- 10) Dads' night
SW has asked on the dad's group if anyone is willing to organise the dads night this year. Due to circumstances those who organised the last one aren't able to do it again this year. So far no one has volunteered – if anyone is happy to take on this role please let SW know. It doesn't have to be the same event as last year it can be anything you like – try and beat the ladies night fundraiser!
- 11) AOB

- a. Cake Sale on Friday 14th is to be run by Class 5 who couldn't do their slot last term
- b. We discussed how much Education City is used as it is very expensive, obviously if it very well utilised then we are happy to continue to support it but wondered if there is a way of finding out how well used it is and if there is an alternative?