

St Anne's Fulshaw PTA Meeting – Minutes

Monday 25 September 2017, Horse and Jockey pub, 8pm

1. Attendees

Richard Matthews, Dave Marris, Rich Taylor, Sophie Taylor, Emily Titley, Lisa Vose, Susie Withington, Vicky Wilson, Natalie Lloyd, Clare Daniel, Nicola Aslam, Laura Moore, Fiona Toms, Lynn Hall, Sean Carter, Lee Molloy-Sherratt, James Bradley, Dan Gilchrist, Liz Parris, Paul Thomas, Bev Meyer, Claire Carter, Dion Davie

Apologies

Sophie O'Connor, Rachael Thomas

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting

There was one amendment to the minutes from the last meeting: Vicky W is Class 1 rep, not Vicky F. Other than that, the minutes from the last meeting (which are on the school website) were approved.

3. Review of recent events and funds raised

Summer BBQ

This was well attended, with around 80 families there.

The bouncy castle, Crazy Sand, Golden Bucket, archery, welly wanging, and war paint all did well. Guess the Name of the Scarecrow and Guess the Number of Sweets were less popular, though this sort of activity might work better next time if whoever is running it walks around getting people to take part.

The war paint only raised about £15 but it was popular with the children. Glitter tattoos were also popular but expensive to buy, though Jane got a deal on these. We could do these again at Christmas, or do Christmas-themed stencils and glitter body spray, which are quicker to do. Lisa Vose (LV) will order some festive Crazy Sand for the Christmas Fair.

The queue for the food was long, and it was agreed that next year we should really try to get the meat on earlier.

Anniversary bags and tea towels

The anniversary tea towels have now all gone, thanks to Alison's very successful peg-bag-making day. There are approximately 100 tote bags left – we will continue to sell these at forthcoming events, and in the Entrance Hall at the Christmas Fair, where they sold well last year. The price is £3 per bag (reduced from £4).

Non-uniform day

Instead of handing money in in class, children put their £1 for own-clothes day into a bucket at the school gates on the way into school. We raised more money on this than previously, so we will collect at the gate again in future.

Funds raised last term

Summer BBQ: £1526.54

Cake sale: £91.15

Peg bags: £261.30

Bag2School: £80.00

Non-uniform day: £107.00

4. Forthcoming events

Boden Evening (10 Oct)

We already have some volunteers for this but would be grateful for a few more helpers. The clothes will arrive on Monday 9 October at 11am and some volunteers will be needed for unpacking.

Vicky W will organise some music for the evening.

The promotional material says “Nibbles included.” LV will organise some nut-free nibbles – pretzels / crisps.

This event is being promoted online, and posters will be put up in various locations around Wilmslow and Alderley Edge. Boden have directly emailed some local customers, so LV has already had some enquiries.

Boden have provided some notebooks as promotional materials, as well as a special Williamson tea caddy for refreshments and a £50 gift voucher for the raffle.

Leila Jerman will have a Neal’s Yard stall at the event, and she has kindly donated some products for the raffle.

LV has sourced some full-length mirrors for the changing room.

In addition to clothes from the latest range, Boden will also be sending 40 sale items with 40% off, to be bought and taken home on the night. These will need to be paid for by cheque. Online orders will be made by card.

The school office will be locked and the entrance to the classrooms will be blocked off to help keep the school premises secure. Customers will enter via the main door and go directly into the hall.

Cinema Night (13 Oct)

The film this time will be *Boss Baby*. Cinema Night runs from 3.15pm to 5pm.

Nicola Aslam (NA) will purchase popcorn and water with non-spill caps.

Emily Titley (ET) will prepare posters and tickets. Tickets are £4.

A group of volunteers will meet in the Egg Box at 2.30pm to make up the popcorn bags.

As usual, preschoolers can attend with a parent, and high-school siblings are welcome too.

Beetle Drive (3 Nov)

ET has looked into how to run this and has a template that we can provide participants with, with nine games per sheet. There was a general discussion about the rules of the game and the scoring system.

ET will apply for the licence for the bar and will prepare the posters and tickets.

Tickets will be priced the same as for the Bingo Night (£3 per adult and £2 per child) and there will be a maximum of 60.

There will be a bar, tea and coffee, cakes and crisps on sale.

There will be little prizes of sweets / chocolates for each round and then a bigger prize for the overall winner at the end. Please look out for offers on sweets / chocolates in local supermarkets for this.

We will need volunteers to run the bar and kitchen, as well as a few volunteers to circulate around the room and supervise. Carol Garner will act as moderator. It was suggested that on each table we have a mat to roll the dice onto – any dice that get thrown away from the mat will not be counted and the player will lose a go.

5. Cauliflower Cards – Christmas cards

The deadline for copies this year is Wed 1 Nov. Cards will be back in school late Nov. These will be done in school at some point during Science Week (possibly Wed 18 Oct), and then sent home overnight so that parents can see them before ordering. Previously we have tried putting these into book bags to be done at home, but the uptake was not so good.

It was suggested that we approach local printers to see if they could offer a similar service at a better price. ET will look into this. Previously, NA has researched competitors and Cauliflower Cards were considered to offer the best value for money.

The cards do not raise a lot of money for the PTA but they are usually popular and straightforward to organise.

6. Bike Ride

Lee, Dan and Rich introduced themselves and gave an overview of how the bike ride is organised.

There will be two social rides for parents interested in finding out more and getting a taste of what is involved: Sun 15 Oct and Sun 12 Nov, 9am from the school gates. These will be gentle rides, with a coffee and chat. They will be suitable for all types of bike: mountain / road / hybrid.

Class reps are requested to publicise the rides, and information will be posted on the main Facebook page, as well as the Outdoor Pursuits page. Clare Daniel (CD) will put this on the Friday Flyer.

Parents are asked to express an interest if they intend to come along to either of the social rides to give the organisers an idea of numbers.

The bike ride itself will follow a similar format to previous years and will take place over three days (8 – 10 June). The route will be up to 200 miles long. There will be a pub meeting in January where further details of the route itself will be made known.

Sean Carter confirmed he is happy to drive the van again.

7. Christmas Fair (1 Dec, 6 – 8pm) – Raffle prizes and tickets

NA will order the raffle tickets. The renewal date for the lottery licence is 4 Dec – James will put the licence in Pete Hall's name after this date, but for the Christmas Fair the licence will still be in James' name.

Susie and Fiona offered to be on the subcommittee for raffle prizes. Vicky F has agreed to put out a request for donations on her Wilmslow Mums Facebook page and Sophie T will contact the Chapel Lane Business Group.

As previously, we will look for offers on presents for Father Christmas' grotto - selection boxes for older children and books for younger children. The Works often have good deals on books.

The next PTA meeting will focus on the logistics for the Christmas Fair.

8. Outdoor play area / Pentagon update

CD has spoken to Pentagon by phone and they have agreed that it is possible to do the play area in installments.

There was a discussion regarding potential external grants. The Greggs Local Community Project Fund the Aviva Community Fund offer grants for local projects. We could also apply for funding from the Community Trust Fund at Manchester Airport, though previously we have not been successful with applications for this. The Tesco Bags of Help programme requires that the project is completed within six months of receiving funding, so it would not be worth applying for this just yet.

If we go ahead with the work in installments, the first area to be done would be round the

Peace Garden. NA is still reconciling accounts so cannot yet give an indication of how much the PTA can currently provide.

9. AOB

Lucky Lotto 200 Club

The Lucky Lotto 200 Club currently has 103 members, which is the highest it has been for five years. The cost of prizes for the year has already been covered, so any further applications will be pure revenue. It was thought that changing the name and payment system has contributed to the big rise in numbers. More application forms could go out in book bags before Christmas, possibly targeting grandparents, and we could also hand these out at the Christmas Fair and Boden evening, which is likely to be attended by members of the local community, WI and church.

Bag2School

We raised £148 on Bag2School this term. We will run this once a term, so the next one will be in early January and then April.

Tablecloths

The PTA tablecloths have disappeared, so it was agreed we will buy more – we need ten for the five fold-out tables. We will get green or spotty (Cath-Kidston style) fabric. The Fent Shop in Macclesfield or a haberdashery store might sell cheap fabric we could use for this.

Co-op Funding

Our funding with the Co-op is due to end early October but CD has spoken to the store manager who has said that the Co-op are keen to continue supporting us where they can. We have been encouraged to reapply for the community funding in six months' time, and they have said they would be happy to donate tea, coffee, biscuits, etc., for any events we run, as well as possibly putting out buckets to collect coins for the outdoor area. They have offered to cover the registration cost for the Lego tournament this year and the cost of a new robot. On 25 November there is an evening celebrating the local community fund and we have been invited to attend, and some of the children will also sing in store at a pre-Christmas carol evening.

Running Group

The group started last week and are planning to run every Wednesday evening, 7pm. Runners taking part donate £1 to the PTA each time they attend.

Sainsbury's funding

Laura Moore is going on a Sainsbury's tour with her Rainbows group this week and she will ask them if there would be any potential opportunities for funding.

Twitter

The PTA are now on Twitter – St Annes Fulshaw PTA.

10. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 8 November, 9am, Egg Box