

MINUTES

PTA Meeting
12 January 2012

In attendance

Cherry Hulmes (CH)
Hannah Crossley (HC)
Jane Stapleton (JS)
Rosemary Goodman (RG)
Julie Moen (JM)
Celia Charlton-Hunt (CCH)
Adriana Forte (AF)
Ashley Monro Scott (AMS)

Apologies

Fenella Francis (FF)
Andrew Holmes (AH)
Graham Wigley (GW)
Lisa Collecott (LC)

The meeting was opened with a short silence

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

Christmas Roundup

- **Christmas Fayre:**
 - o HC reported that this had raised £500. Everyone recognised how well FF had organised the fayre. The feedback was that this was the best ever with the quality of gifts much higher than usual. The teddy bear tombola was a huge success. It was suggested that next year some money be spent on Christmas lights and decorations to make the room more festive.
 - o **Action FF** to organise a wrap up meeting for the Christmas Fayre.
 - o **Action AF** to put a mention in the Crocus about the amount raised.
- **Christmas Cards:**
 - o CCH reported that these have raised about £100. Not much gift wrap was sold and there was no total as yet.
 - o **Action AF** to give cheques and cash to **HC** who will then pay the invoice.
- **Christmas Puddings:**
 - o CH reported that a profit of £3.50 had been made on these but pointed out that we had to buy the basins this year. She also recognised that we probably made too many puddings especially the small ones. She is going to keep the small ones for next year and check that they are still ok before selling. Suggestions were made about making to order next year and putting an advert in the Friends' Meeting House.

Quiz Night

- CH reported that the proposed date of 24th March needed to be changed as there is a clash with a proposed 'Words in Walden' event.
- **Action CH** to check with GW re changing the date of the quiz night to 17th March.
- **Action CH** to look at the minutes from last year re quiz night.
- CCH thought that last year the wine was bought from Tesco on a sale or return basis. Bottles were charged on the night at a tactical £9.50.
- **Action CH** to speak to Sonia Hood re licence.
- CCH agreed to chair a quiz night sub committee. **The first meeting will be Friday 20th January at 8.45am in Costa.**
- FF is drawing up the quiz questions. AH will host the quiz. JM agreed to help with marking on the night.
- **Action CH** to talk to Kirsten Batcheler about marketing.
- A mini quiz to go on the tables with perhaps a Monopoly Board theme was suggested.
- **Action HC and CH** to sort out recipe and ingredients for the chilli.
- **Action AF** to talk to Andrew Burton re meat.
- **Action CCH** to find out vegetarian chilli recipe from Juliette.

Parents School Lunch

- CH has spoken to Dionne who is happy to go ahead with this providing that parents do not come in on a Friday and there are no more than 10 parents on each day.
- The proposed firsts date is 1st March and the price will be £10.
- **Action CH** to book date with Dionne.
- **Action CH** to draft something for AF to put in the Crocus.
- AF agreed to be the point of contact and create a waiting list if necessary.

Hoedown

- The suggested date for this is 23rd June.
- **Action AF** to talk to Richard Twinn re band.
- **Action AF** to talk to Martin re barbeque food option. The initial idea of a hog roast might be too expensive.
- **Action CH** to talk to Nick Batcheler re booking the Sports Hall and Kirsten Batcheler re marketing.
- **Action AMS** to find out about either hiring or making bunting.
- **Action RG** to speak to the Abrahams re hay bales.

Future Fundraising

- CH reported that LC would like to organise a fashion show. She will come to a PTA meeting after February to discuss this.
- **Action CH** to email Peter Fasching re his idea for an art exhibition. Perhaps this could be held in the new junior school hall in September.
- **Action CH** to put Golf Day on the next agenda.

Where to spend PTA money?

- GW has provided a list for senior school. Some debate was had on what PTA should be funding.

- **Action CH** to speak to GW re feedback to his suggested list.
- AMS suggested that another item for consideration is the senior school locker rooms.
- A small marquee was also suggested but could be more trouble than its worth with insurance, handling and storing. AF suggested that we could rent a marquee from Wendens Ambo Mini Rugby Club.
- Stef Godfrey would like the PTA to fund running vests for the running club. The cost is £300.
- **Action CH** to talk to AH about the running vests.

AOB

- Some parents have expressed concern about the lack of pedestrian access into the junior and senior school.
- **Action CH** to make pedestrian access an agenda item for the next meeting.
- CCH reported that some parents are concerned about lunch break supervision as some children seemed to be roaming around Leicester block. A parents' rota to help with lunchtime activities was suggested.
- **Action AF** to bring up lunch time supervision with staff.

Next Meeting

Thursday 9th February at 09.00 subject to confirmation from GW and AH

There being no other business and following a short silence the meeting was closed.