

MINUTES

PTA Meeting
5 October 2011

In attendance

Cherry Hulmes (CH)
Stephanie Noland (SN)
Jane Stapleton (JS)
Fenella Francis (FF)
Hannah Crossley (HC)
Andrew Holmes (AH)
Graham Wigley (GW)
Ashley Munro Scott (AMS)
Julie Moen (JM)

Apologies

Rosemary Goodman (RG)
Nick Batcheler (NB)

The meeting was opened with a short silence

The minutes of the last meeting were approved

Open Morning - Saturday 15th October

- FF, HC, JM and AMS agreed to attend this. They will need to wear PTA badges.
- GW suggested that PTA members draw attention to the diagrams of the new buildings.

Class Reps

- JS sent out a Parent Mail asking for new class reps. We have a volunteer for Reception and FF has agreed to be the Year 7 Class Rep.
- **Action** - FF to arrange a senior school coffee morning.
- **Action** - JS to confirm all other class reps.

Christmas Fayre

- **Action AH** to give us a date for this.
- **Action FF** to sort out with Adriana Forte dates for making sessions.
- **Action GW** to ask Jess Armitage about her reindeer kits.

Christmas Puddings

- **Action CH** to speak to Kathryn Winfield about numbers last year and when order forms were sent out.
- Friday 28th October was agreed as a date to bake the puddings.
- **Action CH** to speak to Dionne McCreery about using the kitchen and to confirm exact time.
- **Action CH** to draft a few lines for the Crocus.

Christmas Cards and Gift Wrap

- Celia Charlton Hunt is organising cards and tea-towels.

Quiz Night

- The proposed date for this is Saturday 24th March.
- AH agreed to be quiz master.
- **Action FF** to talk to Mo Graham re setting quiz questions.
- Menus and bar to be discussed at the next meeting.

Parents School Lunch

- This could be held in the Spring term and be limited to 20 junior school parents on a first come first served basis. Suggested charge is £10. It can be flagged up in the Crocus.
- **Action CH** to talk to Dionne and office.

Junior School Cake Stall for Harvest Celebration

- Large whole cakes rather than individual little cakes or slices will be sold on the door.
- **Action CH** to draft a few lines in the Crocus about baking cakes for this.

Hoedown

- AH gave an outline of what he thought Martin Wilson was envisioning for this event. As it will be the last year we have the Gibson building and garden, Martin thought it would be a lovely idea to hire a marquee to fix on to the veranda where the infants could hold their nativity. Parents and staff could then hold a hoedown in the evening. He has spoken to Hills who have suggested they might contribute to funding all or part of the marquee costs. He has also talked to Richard Twinn re being Caller. Catering ideas include a hog roast or barbecue. Booze would be on a bring your own basis and soft drinks would be provided. Suggested ticket price is £15 with teachers being funded perhaps in lieu of Christmas presents. There was some debate as to whether the event should be opened up to children.
- **Action AH** to look at Hills funding the marquee
- **Action CH** to cost out catering options
- Proposed date for Hoedown is Friday 9th December

Parking

- CH proposed a walking bus from the Lord Butler Centre car park where children could be dropped off with CRB checked volunteers. She has spoken to staff at the Lord Butler Centre who seem happy with this. We would need permanent volunteers.
- **Action AH** to email CH details of the Community Transport Officer
- **Action CH** to look more into this
- GW said that he was trying to get the council to put yellow lines opposite the school and thought that this coupled with the opening of the new car park would rectify the parking problems

PTA funds

- **Action HC** to talk to Ann Boatman re transfer of PTA levy.
- **Action CH** to talk to Jo Wilmot about handover of the Ball cheque.
- GW reported that staff were generating a list of ideas for PTA funded items for the Senior School.
- AH suggested that a good keyboard for the Junior School would be appreciated.

Next Meeting

Thursday 10th November at 11.15.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.