

MINUTES OF THE PTA MEETING HELD 9TH JUNE 2009

Present: Vanessa Willison-Pirie, Lucy Phelps, Jacqui Mayvers, Sharon Marshall, Zena Eaglestone, Luli Johnstone, Maddi Heslop, Sue Hoekstra, Heather Clough, Francine Judge.

Apologies: Rachel Minshall, Deena Bousie, Tamzin O'Neill, Janine Gray, Maria Brown.

Minutes of the last meeting: These were read and approved.

Treasurers Report: Total profits raised since last September for the PTA is £1,826.82. Money donated by the PTA include £329.46 from the Macmillan coffee morning and £120 to Buccleuch Hall Management committee. Our assets are;

Current Account £1,550.51

Deposit Bond £5,244.94

Deposit Account £2,223.87

Petty Cash £3.81

Lottery £512.50

Uniform deficit of £12.25

Purchases for the school are as follows:

Dolls for Year 1 £17.96

Buddy Bench £312

Maths Games £445

Lunchtime Games £205.95

Storage unit for games £560

Cups for water £104

Leotards £47.80

Medals £12

We still need to find someone to take over the Church Close round so Vanessa will ask Mrs. Struckman and Sharon will ask Mrs. Jackson.

We need to renew our membership of the Charities Commission and we need to obtain the relevant paperwork from Alan Jackson who still has the details. Cath Humphries also needs it for auditing our accounts. There was discussion as to the benefits of being with the Charity Commission and it will be discussed further when we have all the details.

Mrs. Phelps' Wish List: Mrs. Phelps informed us of her intention to take next years year 6 pupils on a 4 night residential stay at Rydal Hall on a joint venture with Broughton School. A donation from the PTA would help to keep the cost down for parents and she suggested that pupils might like to do some fundraising. It has been provisionally booked for the last week of June 2010. There will be meetings with the school governors and parents. The stay will include organised activities run by professionals. The approximate cost is £130 per pupil. If successful, Mrs. Phelps hopes to extend this to year 4 and 5 pupils for shorter stays away in preparation for the 4 nights away in year 6.

World Book Day: There has been very good feedback from this and it was suggested that it should continue on a rolling basis. A letter will be sent out asking if parents would be interested in this.

Inside Out Football: On 17-06-09, Inside out Football will come to the school assembly and explain everything to the pupils. It will be an optional event and sponsorship will be required. It has been booked for the morning of 3rd July. They will then return two weeks later to present prizes.

Plant Sale: We had a fantastic response and sold most of the plants. It was felt it was a much better idea to grow our own and pot them up ourselves as we made a much bigger profit on the plant sales than ever before. It was decided to try to structure the children's games for next year better. It was agreed with Mrs. Phelps that the money the children made from their stalls (£111 this year) would not be claimed by the PTA, but instead we would open a separate savings account on behalf of the school council and put the money into that and let the children decide how they would like that money spent. It is hoped that this will encourage the children to develop an important life skill in managing their own money.

Year 6 Leavers Event: This will be trip to the Apollo cinema to see Night At The Museum 2 followed by Pizza Hut or The Roxy Cinema to see Ice Age 3 followed by Pizza Hut on 3rd July. The children will each receive a goody bag containing a disposable camera and something particular to each child.

Sports Day: This is on 1st July . Vanessa has been asked to go to a meeting with the Macmillan charity following our donation from the coffee morning and she will find out information regarding their Big Sports Week when children can make a small donation for each race that they are in. Children will receive balloons and stickers. The icecream van has been booked.

Uniform: Deena is the new uniform officer. The current stock in school will cover this years new order from parents.

Following wash and wear trials by Deena's children, Price and Buckland have been chosen to be the new supplier. It will take 5 weeks to receive uniform from them after we place an order. They also do a P.E kit containing shirt, shorts and the bag with the school logo on for a very good price. Eventually we would also like to introduce sweat pants.

Mrs.Hoekstra's Wish List: Mrs. Hoekstra gave the PTA a list of all the instruments she would like and this was approved. There was a very wide range of different and interesting instruments which will make a big difference to the pupils music lessons.

School BBQ: This is on 10th July. It was agreed to hire a bbq for £25 as it is brought, removed and we don't have to clean it! Sharon will book this.

The Mexican Mouse from Flookburgh has been booked and they are bringing a manned bouncy castle, pitch and putt, Tug of war and tents for the toddlers. There is no charge if we have to cancel the event. Kath Thompson has offered to do snazaroo face painting. We are still trying to contact Adrian Dixon – steam engine chap. Neil Harkin of the Highways Agency has lent us stewards jackets. A letter will be sent to all who live on the Green and put in Aspects also. A copy of the insurance has been given to Mr. Smith of the Parish Council. We will buy two barrels of beer from Stringers and charge people. Vanessa will organise a hand pump again. The temporary licence is in place. We will try to contact the Casualties union to book them also. A letter will be sent out telling people to bring their own wine and seating.

Food – It was agreed to just do sausages and burgers, relish and sauces, ice pops and to buy small muffins etc from Asda. Jacqui will buy wine and also see if we can hire a fridge for meat storage.

AOB: The sweet competition winner was Graham Netherwood. 50 quiz sheets were sold and £42 was donated to the children's ward. Vanessa will organise the presentation of the money to Mrs.Ashgar accompanied by Sharon Marshall and Faith Brown of the school council.

Lindal Wives Group – it was agreed that the PTA could offer help to support the ladies in their twice yearly jumble sales with profits being donated to the Blind and another chosen charity. Anything not sold will be collected by the North West Air Ambulance or distributed to the charity shops. Heather will speak to Beryl about this in time for the next sale in October.

School Choir – This will start up in September.

Summer Concert – this is on 7th July and a list for helpers will be put on the notice board. We were asked about the possibility of buying some parasols and bases for the picnic tables and we will try to get more information re cost.

School Garden – it has been observed that the garden did not appear to be benefiting from the gardener's services even though he has been paid. Vanessa will try to contact him for an explanation, but in the meantime a letter will be sent out asking for volunteers to try to help to get the garden presentable in time for the summer concert. We will try to establish what equipment might be required for the gardening club. Janine has purchased a wormery now. We will chase up the situation re the outside tap.

Date of the next meeting 30th June 7.30 at The Railway