



Minutes for PTA Members Meeting: Wednesday 16 January 2019

7.00pm St Catherine's School

In attendance: Sarah Moister (Chair), Nina Chwastek (Head teacher), Trish McElroy (Treasurer), Jenny McCormick (Teachers representative), Anna Kerins, Kate Mackenzie, Jo Fisher, Claire Clay, Vinnett Walsh (Secretary)

1. Apologies:

Sarah Conlon, Antoinette Meskill

2. The minutes from the 7 November meeting approved

3. Finance update

Christmas Party -	£2050.27
Mulled Wine and hampers -	£1388.15
Balance of account	£10996.36
Amount raised so far	£7559.33

School lottery has raised £393.70 so far

Miss Chwastek presented with a cheque for £5000 and thanked everyone involved in organizing the events, volunteering and for the children and their parent and carers who support the events. Nina confirmed that the money would be going into the school account alongside the money raised by the PTA for the last academic year and this is all being ring-fenced for the school playground and will be carried over to 2019/20 budget.

The school are aiming for the plans for the playground to be shared with the school community around Easter. Nina reminded everyone there is a 3-5-year plan for improvements to the playground area and will update everyone as it progresses.

Review of recent events:

Christmas party

Everyone agreed it was a lovely event particularly Santa's grotto and the amazing Father Christmas and the 'nice list' he produced where children could find their names to confirm they were getting a present. This was a nice touch. Also agreed that the entertainer was great.

Mulled wine and hampers

Real success - note for this year is we need to get more mulled wine as we ran out. Some feedback about the event was that the choir was not given the attention it deserved so we need to think about how we can ensure that people do get an opportunity to listen to the choir as well as enjoy the treats, drinks and raffle prizes.

Forthcoming events:

Movie Night - 25 January

Non-uniform day 15 Feb - Children to be encouraged to dress as rock stars to celebrate the success of time table Rockstar's. All thought this was a good idea. **Action: communication to go out about the theme. It will be the usual £1**

Coffee morning - 15 February - teachers can pre-order their sweet treats !

Spring ball - 2 March - DJ organised, Venue confirmed. Centre pieces from last year will be used . Photographer - J McCormick organised

Prizes - about 15 raffle prizes

Action: Two big prizes needed for the silent auction.

Action - small prizes and business cards to advertise or provide discounts are needed for the goodie bags.

Action : Helpers needed to set up and make sure it is a fab event !

PTA email address - stcatherinesdidsburypta@gmail.com

All agreed this was a good idea for sending out official communications to businesses etc. Sarah M and Claire Clay have the password for the account.

Summer Fair 7 July - Sarah M suggested giving each year group a Stall to run which could be coordinated by the Class reps. Also suggested asking Mrs Dewsnapp if the Choir could open the Fair and the possibility of the school cheerleaders performing during the afternoon. Great way to showcase some of our school talent and encourage families and friends to come along. **Action - discuss further at next meeting.**

Uniform nearly new sale - need someone to organise this. Could have a stall at the fair and also on the last day of term at prosecco and ice-cream event. **Action - message in next newsletter to see if anyone comes forward**

Notice Board - Nina confirmed that there isn't one at school that can be used in the playground. Sarah suggested buying one using PTA funds but Nina said she would organise it through school.

Disco Feedback - we need to review the tuck shop after feedback from parents that there was too much sweets on offer!!

Forthcoming events:

Event	Date	Coordinator	Actions required
Movie Night -	Friday 25 January	Claire & Vinnett	Trish to renew licence
Coffee Morning	15 February	Sarah Moister	Jane to make cakes
Rock stars non-uniform day	15 February		Class council member to collect money
Table top sale	TBC	NEED A VOLUNTEER TO ORGANISE	NEED A VOLUNTEER
Lost& Found and donated uniform	TBC	NEED A VOLUNTEER TO ORGANISE	NEED A VOLUNTEER
Coffee Morning	5 April		Jane to make cakes
Spring Ball	Saturday 2 March	Claire, Maria, Federica, Suzy and Sarah M	Sponsors to be found
St Georges Day tea party & Feast Day of St Catherine of Sienna	29 April		Jane confirmed to provide cakes
Quiz Night	11 May	Hilary Hodgson	Book social club
School Disco	17 May TBC		Nina to confirm Spanish Exchange dates. Review Tuck Shop, what we sell
Didsbury Festival	TBC	Kate	Possible idea, donate a teddy “adopt a teddy” stall. £1 per item. Games too
Summer BBQ	TBC	Kate	
Summer Fair	Sunday 7 July	Claire, Jo, Sarah C, Vinnett, Sarah M	

Next meeting - Wednesday 20 March 2019 @ 7pm - Come along everyone !!