

PTFA Meeting Minutes

Monday 4th March 2019

Attendees – Babs, Tracy, Deb J, Val , Lindsay, Chris, Suzanne, Lorna, David

Apologies – Deb W, Hannah, Alana, Katherine, Gemma

Thanks to all that were involved in the Parent's evening cake stall and especially to Haighton Manor for donating the majority of the cakes. We made a profit of £58.24. Going forward we would happily run again as everyone seemed to enjoy but next time not bother with hot drinks as hardly sold any and concentrate on crisps and drinks for the children. A few parents put donations in too which was lovely to see.

Penny Wars –

Penny wars has been a huge success and is bigger than we ever imagined. The ladies in the office have very kindly been counting up for us but unfortunately the coin counter has broken due to money being stuck together and foreign objects going in it. Hoping the site supervisor can fix it but Deb will collect and do the count up this time. Babs is going to make certificates for each class with the amount they raised on. Due to finish 5th April. Deb to take to post office and start paying in.

Lots of foreign coins have been donated. PTFA to run a foreign coin collection after each holiday and use a company who pays to exchange it.

Clothes Bank

The clothes bank has been delivered and is situated at the back of the school car park near the bins. Deb in charge of checking to see if needs emptying and contacting the company. Fliers being sent out and posters put up and Deb will add to the Guide booklet. For the whole community to use so spread the word.

Lots of other recycling initiatives to be profited from.

Ink cartridges to be researched as at present the school don't gain from this and parents who work in offices may get involved too.

Crisp packet recycling to be researched more. Do need to collect a lot to profit from but good for the eco projects in school. Could ask local pub, club and village hall to have a box for us too.

Batteries are already collected at school but not been advertised. PTFA to advertise as school are in a competition with local school over who can collect the most and gain a prize.

Easter Chocolate Bingo –

Date set for 02.04.19 and Mr Brooks confirmed as Bingo caller. Non uniform day set for 29th March and Easter choc donations asked for. Also need more raffle prizes. Already received one from Fitness First and Houghton Manor donated a £50 meal voucher. Decided not to ask for cakes as too much to ask parents for but to buy crisps, cakes and drinks to serve on the night. Bingo books, dabbers and raffle tickets needed. Suzanne to order in bulk and store in the cupboard. Decision made to give bigger prizes out and not do as many lines. Year 6 will set the hall up; just need a plan doing beforehand. Hannah has a bingo machine we can borrow for the night.

Volunteers for the night; - Babs, Deb J, Chris, Val, Mr Brooks

School Lottery –

The response was positive on the face book poll but still only 30 people responded. Good for parents who would like to donate without attending events. The account is all set up but we need to set a date to begin and need to purchase the gambling licence for £40. All agreed to try it and start it up. Mrs Ward has asked Rev Salt first to see if he had any objections but he is happy for it to run. Deb will get the ball rolling and set a date for 6 weeks time.

Silent Disco –

DJ has received a quote of £192 for 100 headphones but will research which company best to use. Discussion over best time of year to do as ideally needs to be dark to sell glow sticks and have disco lights up. Decided on October and autumn theme.

- 17th October
- Deb to get prices and book
- Ticket only event
- Infants and juniors separate discos on same night
- Sell snacks, drinks and glow sticks
- Disco lights needed
- Need helpers to set up and run

Gin Tasting –

Talked last mtg about leaving as club doing one but theirs is on a wed night so if we did a Friday one would be better attended. Discussion over maybe running a Local Taster/produce night instead and inviting producers to talk and give tasters out. Make it a ticket only event and ask the site supervisor to lock up if we paid him so the teachers didn't need to come in. Lindsay to ask Mrs ward regarding a

date in the Autumn term leading up to Xmas as would run this instead of the clothes show and the Xmas market and to ask the site supervisor if he would be happy to do it

Gift Aid –

Can't proceed with as don't raise enough for charity status. If we ever are in the position to then will look at again.

School Council –

No meeting between us and school council happened as yet. Need someone to volunteer to lead.

- Mr Brooks has given us the dates of the Friday meetings :-
- 08/03/19
- 05/04/19
- 03/05/19
- 07/06/19
- All being held at 12.45-1.15pm
- 1 volunteer needed for each meeting please ???

PTA Events –

Babs explained that it is an online ticket sale site for PTA's and may make it a lot easier to sell tickets to bigger events. Lindsay explained that the office were happy to help sell still. May look into for the next big event like the Local Taster night.

Newsletter –

Our current one is outdated as has lots of different members on it. List of new members needed with a pic and brief bio and what year child is in to update for the new 2019 team.

- All members to send Babs b_allen56@hotmail.com a head shot and info asap
- We now have badges for all PTFA members in our box in the hall cupboard
- Logo needed for the PTFA – anyone know anyone who could design us one for free ?

Xmas Fair –

- Meet with church over rooms and stalls
- Look out for deals at present with xmas gifts, xmas chocs etc (check dates) as all being sold off to use on the stalls
- Tracy to speak with Jayne Woollam

Treasure Hunt/ family Fun Day –

Discussion over a big summer family event in September when new children and parents started. Chris could man the bar and donate some beer and cost the bbq option up for us and has gazebos we can use etc..

- David volunteered to organise the hunt
- Tug of War
- Ice cream Van
- Bouncy castles
- Stalls
- Bar – temp licence needed - Babs to organise

Cowells Farm summer event –

Lorna to liaise with the family to organise a meeting with them. May be looking at next year.

Field Day –

-Theme ideas to be put to the classes to vote on after the Easter holls.

-Committee to be set up. Anyone interested to let DJ know. Hannah has volunteered.

- Stall at garden party again as works well

1. Moon landing 50 yrs
2. Greatest Showman
3. Toy Story
4. Dumbo/ Circus
5. 50 Years of Grimsargh St Michael's school

Cricket Tournament -

-Mr Brooks has organised one previously with other schools involved

- DJ spoken with Danielle Joyce who helped run last year and thought best idea was for a kids snack stall on the day

- Dates are at present 13/06/19 or 20/06/19. Mr brooks will let us know as soon as decided.

Sports Day –

PTFA to provide ice pops again for the children. Purchase more and buy earlier this time.

Summer Garden Party –

Discussion over asking church to make it a later event as lots of children have activities to attend and then we could make it last till evening. More stalls for the children needed and bouncy castles, fire engines attending, donating teddies for teddy tombola, penalty shoot out, famous person to open it, crazy golf etc..

- Volunteers to attend church meeting /n/eeded to discuss ideas
- Tracy to speak with Jayne and see how involved they want us to be so can plan
- Have a Field Day stall like previous years as runs well.

Social Media –

Does anyone want to take the lead with it ?? Any helpers can be added as admin and can post as well as DJ and BK.

Other Business –

- £2825,69 in the PTFA account at present, plus penny wars to come in and parents evening.
- PTFA email address – Lindsay to ask IT on Friday and forward on
- Notice board at the gate can be used by PTFA to advertise events. Key in the office.
- Coffee morning for new parents – no date set as yet
- New ideas to look at – equine table top sale, Car boot sale, school council running FB site

Next meeting set for 29th April