

St Mary's PTA AGM Wednesday 5th October 2016

Present

Lorna Watts, Eleanor Fry, Claire Rowlands, Clare Evers, Lisa Cooke, Martin Smith, Martin Follen, Claire Potts, Emma Riddell, Sue Bethel, Miss Burton, Miss Cook, Mrs Noyce, Mrs Coe, Mr Carew, Miss Macey, Miss Whelan, Mrs Davies, Mrs Shaw, Mrs Poynton, Rachel Leather

Apologies

James Rivers, Michelle Hitchen, Emma Nicholl, Lisa Walker

Meeting started at 7 pm

Minutes from last meeting were accepted as correct.

Overview of the year

Claire Rowlands (Chair) gave an overview of last year's fundraising events and it was stated that money raised during the year was up on the previous year and this was mainly due to the kind donations of the Christmas decorations from Booseys. The Christmas disco also proved a popular event. Claire provided the committee with an Annual Report which outlined the fundraising events of the PTA.

Financial Review

Emma Riddell (Treasurer) provided a financial report which was attached to the Annual Report. The Summer Gala proved to be profitable and it is something which the PTA wants to build up on as an annual event. Profitable events through the year were the Christmas disco and the Christmas fun afternoon. These were able to be £4£.

It was felt the Lotto could be a good fundraising event for the school and this is going to be promoted in the following weeks for any new reception parents who may not have had the Lotto information and for any other parents in the school that may want to participate.

This year the money raised by the events has been used to fund the reading Bug Club and to update the year 2 interactive whiteboard.

Election of Officers

Emma Nicholl has decided to step down as Chair and Rachel Leather has decided to step down as Secretary. Claire R thanked them for all their hard work over the last few years.

Election of officers 2016

Chair –Claire Rowlands was proposed by Emma Riddell and seconded by Mrs Noyce

Vice Chair – Mrs Coe was proposed by Mrs Noyce and seconded by Claire Potts.

Treasurer – Emma Riddell was proposed by Clare Evers and Seconded by Martin Foley

Secretary – Clare Evers was proposed by Claire Rowlands and seconded by Rachel Leather

Publicity Co-ordinator – Lorna Watts was proposed by Claire Potts and seconded by Eleanor Fry

Class Reps

Reception – Sue Bethel and Martin Folan was proposed by Claire Rowlands and seconded by Emma Riddell

Class 1 – Eleanor Fry was proposed by Lisa Cooke and seconded by Mrs Noyce

Class 2 – Clare Evers was proposed by Miss Cook and seconded by Miss Burton

Class 3 – Lisa Cook was proposed by Eleanor Fry and seconded by Rachel Leather

Class 4 – Claire Potts was proposed by Emma Riddell and Seconded by Clare Evers

Year 5 – Lorna Watts was proposed by Claire Rowlands and Seconded by Rachel Leather

Year 6 – To be requested

Fundraising Propositions

Mrs Noyce suggested a gardening scheme where each class could spend time with a person employed to develop their gardening/outdoor skills. Another suggestion was to begin to update each year's interactive whiteboard as they are a beneficial learning tool for all children and used constantly.

Rachel L suggested having a large fundraising project and smaller ones which could be funded through 1 or 2 smaller events. Examples for these were playground equipment or developing each classes reading area. There was also a suggestion that each year group could be responsible for fundraising for the item for their class. It was suggested the money should be used for something which the whole school can benefit from.

Miss Burton will ask the school council for fundraising ideas. Lorna Watts volunteered to attend these meetings and feedback.

Clare Evers mentioned a Barclay's scheme which allows employees time to renovate outdoor areas and will research this more.

Forthcoming events

Cake Sale – 21st October

Any other business

Lorna Watts suggested the possibility of having a sports presentation evening where children who had participated in sports through the year could be acknowledged. This seemed to be a popular suggestion and the committee felt it could be an event that parents would support. There was a suggestion of this event being in a September and an awards sports/prize giving event followed by a celebration afterwards.

Mr Carew discussed the possibility of varying the times of PTA meetings to make them available for parents who can't do late night ones. This is something which the PTA will try to accommodate. There was the suggestion of having meetings straight from school which may see an increase in support.

Other fundraising ideas put forward on the night was:

- Adults Gala night where you "buy a table"
- Talent Show

Mrs Noyce thanked ALL committee and PTA members and thanked everyone for all their help and support in raising the money.

Next meeting **Tues 18th October 6.30pm.**

Any further information for anyone who wants to look through the yearly accounts is available in the Annual Report.

Meeting ended at 8:15pm