

PTA Meeting, Tuesday 26 January 2022

Present:

Vicky Manton
Arnya Wootton
Lizzy Mills
Barry Mills
Gemma Cook
Charlie Davison
Emily Collie

Apologies:

Debbie Calvert
Nadine Cryer
Emma Duxbury
Kelly Thomas
Kate Chandler
Gemma Martin
Philippa Ireland

1. Minutes and actions from last meeting

Vicky did not confirm that Kate Chandler is the Year 3 rep.

Action: Vicky to confirm with Kate.

The tea towels have been dealt with.

The PTA managed to purchase 20 iPads instead of the 10 that were asked for. The school bought the covers for them.

Yorkshire Sculpture Park was suggested by Miss Calvert as a school trip this year.

Action: Vicky to check with Miss Calvert if this is still the intention and if the PTA can do anything to support it.

2. Halloween and Bonfire events

The Halloween Party took £877.55 but spent £381.75. The total profit was £495.80
The entertainment worked well and feedback was positive.

The bonfire night was a new event for the PTA but a good opportunity with limited input required in advance.

We made a profit of £1,286.48 and the PTA also now owns BBQ equipment worth £173.80. It would be better to co-ordinate the spending on the bar in future to keep costs to a minimum.

Barry has a list of alcohol left over and can share this with whoever is buying for the bar for the next event.

The money taken on the gate (just over £1,000) went towards the fireworks, topped up by the Parish Council, and money from the stalls and BBQ was profit for the PTA.

If we are to organise it formally in future, we need to be clear on who is responsible for health and safety.

We need to make sure we get enough volunteers to help on the night.

A questionnaire could be sent to parents by Vicky listing the main events for the year and asking people if they can get involved in each one.

Maybe a list detailing what help is needed for each event would be helpful for people deciding if they want to get involved.

Action: Vicky and Lizzy to put together a questionnaire to be sent to parents about planned events.

3. Queen's Jubilee

Miss Calvert had asked if the PTA would fund a medal / coin in a gift box for each pupil as a keepsake. These cost £2.99 each plus £10 postage and we would need 91, so around £280.
All voted in favour.

Should we plant a tree or put up a bench to commemorate the event, either in the school grounds or on Percy Field?

Action: Vicky to look into how much a tree would cost and speak to Miss Calvert.

Would need Parish Council permission if it's planted on Percy Field.

Action: Lizzy to email Parish Council to ask for permission in principle.

4. Fundraising ideas for 2022

The silent auction, ladies' night and fish and chip quiz night were all good events that were profitable in the past.

Something with a social element would be good, particularly to bring people together after being in bubbles for so long.

Fish and chip quiz night was easy to organise, but we would need plenty of people to help on the night and selling tickets is hard work as people don't commit until late.

The village community was invited last time. We could limit it to the school community this time and do it in April time.

The bar could be self-service with a money box if it's just the school community.

Action – to seek volunteers from PTA to organise and check Village Hall availability.

It was agreed that a social night in March, after half term, would be a good idea and would provide an opportunity for people to learn about the PTA and to join. **Action – Vicky to ask Jade at the caravan park if we could use that as a venue for a social.**

Scotton Feast is likely to be in July – date TBC.

A cake sale would be good, maybe at the end of this term.

Action – Vicky to check the position on cake sales with Miss Calvert.

Funding Ideas

There has been talk of the Friends of Percy Fields putting in a multi-use games arena, which potentially the school and local community could use.

It could cost between £20,00 - 30,000 but the Parish Council might contribute as well.

Grants are also available for sporting activities.

The FCC give out grants, but this can be a slow process and involves 10% match-funding.

A question was asked about whether the PTA could cover the cost of transport to swimming lessons.

Reception and class 1 travel to swimming has been paid for by the PTA in the past. This was because it was optional for key stage 1.

The parents pay for the coach travel for the other year groups, which works out at around £25 per child for 10 weeks but the school will help if people are struggling.

The PTA did not pay for books last year as this was considered the school's responsibility. Some people still have reservations about the use of e-books but Miss Calvert said she didn't receive any formal complaints about it.

Perhaps the school could ask parents for feedback on how this is working.

In light of e-books, could the PTA take another vote on paying for books or wallets to protect them?

Action: Vicky to raise the use of e-books with Miss Calvert and to ask again if there is anything the school would like the PTA to fund.

5. PTA social

It was agreed that there would be a PTA social at the pub on Thursday 17 February.

Vicky will see if the snug is available for this.

6. AOB

The holes in the car park have been filled, which is a temporary fix. The school may be asked to contribute to the repairs in future.

Parking in two rows down the centre of the car park is a hazard and results in people being blocked in.

Action: Vicky to ask Victoria to include something in the update about parking considerably.

Barry asked for clarification about how votes need to be cast when there are decisions that need to be made in between meetings.

There needs to be written confirmation of agreement when voting so it needs to be done by email.

It was noted that the PTA voted to cover the cost of the defibrillator pads earlier this month (10 January).

Questions were asked about who is responsible for maintaining these and who paid for them in the first place?

Action – Vicky to ask Miss Calvert if she knows who is responsible for the defibrillator.

The next meeting will be in April.

Meeting closed.