

Minutes: Whittingham PTA and Friends AGM

Monday 25th Sept 2017

Present: Louise Hodgson (LH-Chair), Tina Wynne (TW- Secretary), Emma Manners (EM-Treasurer), Julia Dods (JD), Morag Herdman (MH), Sophia Chinn (SC), Belinda Athey (BA)

1. Apologies: Nicola Wood, Elizabeth Knox, Gayle Hibbert, Clare Stirling

2. Minutes of last meeting: Agreed correct

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Treasurers Report

Current balance £4,570.69. BA to give any outstanding invoices to EM.

EM/BA – Agreed that PTA is to continue to contribute towards school transport. Also to continue with out of school excursions for the pupils as they not only benefit from new experiences which are incredibly positive, but it's fun! :-)

4. Fundraising Ideas

4.1 Bodyshop - LH on behalf of CS mentioned the possibility of a selling Bodyshop products at a discounted price. It was suggested by BA perhaps doing goody bags and incorporating with another event such as the Canape and Cocktail night. LH to speak with CS for more information on the products. EM also mentioned about Avon and doing a similar idea.

4.2 Halloween/Christmas Party – EM suggested a fancy dress party. It was talked of maybe doing either a “seasonal party” or Christmas party, depending on which Branton were doing. Since the meeting on Monday it has been confirmed that Branton are holding a Hallowe'en party so we will be doing a Christmas Party – dates and further information to be confirmed at a later date.

4.3 Canape & Cocktail Night – EM suggested hosting a canape and cocktail night, with recipes of the canapes being displayed. Tickets will be sold which will include one cocktail and canapes. Idea was to have before Christmas and bring in some ideas for Chrimbo nibbles! All welcome to contribute to canapes with recipe displayed. Date of event TBC.

4.4 Bag packing in Morrisons – BA suggested 8 year olds and above helping customers in Morrisons to pack their shopping – this has been done in the past and around £400 was raised. Letter to be drafted to Morrisons, to find out available dates and time slots for this to take place on a Saturday. BA happy to oversee on the day.

4.5 Bonfire Night / Light Festival – SC suggested a possible bonfire night or light festival, however with a bonfire night there are issues with Health & Safety, so maybe a Light Festival where all the children create their own lantern.

4.6 Carol Singing – MH suggested carol singing in the Market Square in Alnwick. BA agreed this would be a lovely idea. A license can be applied for and we could have donation buckets. Decision to be made as to who could find out how to do this. BA could organize after license details are sorted.

4.7 Coffee Morning – LH suggested a Coffee Morning – TBC.

5. Other business

5.1 Race Night – EM mentioned this event as it was a success last year and a good social event. Date has been confirmed for Friday 10th November at The Queens in Glanton. LH to speak with Yvette regarding race cards.

5.2 Air Ambulance - TW to organise distribution of the Air Ambulance bags. TW will be in touch with those who very kindly helped out last year. Bags to be distributed before the start of half-term for collection beginning of November. BA suggested sending 3 or so bags per family to be filled for additional help.

5.3 Books - MH asked about selling Usborne books. BA to find out. EM mentioned bringing in old books that are not being used for the school library. Any books welcome!

Meeting closed at 2.45pm

Next meeting Monday 6th November at 2.15pm at School