

Gillamoor C of E Primary School PTA

Minutes of PTA meeting held on 2nd October 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Alison Tweddle (AT), Sally Potter (SP), Jo Loggie, (JL), Rachel Strickland (RS), Sarah Wayper (SW), Karen Stanley (KS), Sarah Morbey (SM), Katrina Dowsland (KD), Tina Davison (TD), Claire O' Neill (CO).

Apologies for absence

Peter Jones, Rachel Gibson.

Welcome & Introduction

The PTA welcomed 2 new parents Tina and Claire to the meeting and thanked everyone for taking the time to get involved.

All present agreed to the minutes of the last meeting being accurate.

Matters Arising

None.

Financial Update

KS has currently taken over the role as Treasurer and Secretary until the AGM in November.

As of 6th June 2017 we had unrestricted funds of £3479.15. Since then we have paid in a further £2049.16 (jumble sale late sales £90, Kirkbymoorside 10K - £1218, Bags 2 School - £107.20, Sponsored walk - £225.70, Sleightholmedale fete - £321.26 and £87 late jumble & sponsored walk money. We have paid out £2591.11: insurance, memorial hall hire, swimming transport for spring & summer terms, sports club, trips, climbing wall, leavers pens, gym vault & netball posts and balls. This leaves us with a current unrestricted fund of £2937.20, of which £766.65 is in the current account.

Despite some excellent fund raisers over the summer, we have also had some high expenditure. Some of this was one off, but swimming transport costs are ongoing. If PTA is to continue funding extras such as school trips, sports clubs etc which benefit our children's experiences whilst at school we need to continue to raise money and increase parental contributions. A trip to Beamish is coming up and whilst PTA would very much like to contribute to the cost of transport, we are not in a position to do so until more money is raised.

As a result of this we discussed asking parents if they would consider paying an additional termly fee of approx £53 (£160/year) towards trips, clubs etc. We would welcome everyone's views.

Swimming

Based on the above situation of increasing costs and less children to spread these costs the PTA has agreed to an increase in the cost of parental swimming contributions to £3 / child starting after half term. Compared to other schools this is apparently still cheap.

It was also discussed that maybe swimming lessons will stop just for the summer term and some other sporting activities will be introduced instead. All at meeting agreed in principle.

Report on Past Events

Sleightholmedale Fete

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the day in any way, it was great to see so many school children and parents getting involved this year. We raised £321.26 for the PTA. It will again be held next year on the first Sunday in September – put the date in your diary. Different activities to add to the afternoon were discussed including monkey bars, football, ducking stool. Any more ideas and offers of help very gratefully accepted.

Sponsored walk

After another fun day back in June the children raised £300 to go towards trips etc. Brilliant effort & thank you to all involved in organising, getting money in etc.

Forthcoming events -

Quiz

Quiz this Sunday 8th October at 8.30pm at The Moors Inn, Appleton by kind permission of Judy. If you can't come along, please send a raffle prize or donation. £2 entry. £20 Moors Inn voucher 1st prize.

Autumn Ball

Autumn ball is on Friday 20th October. George Loggie of Silver Lining Disco is again very kindly providing the music and games as per last year. SP, JL & SW to provide refreshments. KS to provide sweets for prizes. Raffle prizes much appreciated. Cost £5/family for a fun evening.

Film Nights

Starting Friday 10th November 6pm we are going to have a monthly kids film night in school. £2.50 / child with drinks / tuck shop extra. Idea been kids come along in PJs and get together to watch a film of their choice. Thanks to CO for the idea.

Fun Night

Annual fun night of quiz and bingo on Thursday 16th November 6.30pm. Miss Pope to organise quiz, Peter Jones to be asked again to call the bingo. A change to the normal format has been agreed. Cost £7.50 / family or £10 on the door. Each family to bring a plate of food to be shared out amongst everyone. Advent calendars to be given to all children.

Bags 2 School

Late November . SM to confirm date. All bags into school before 9am. SM & AT organising.

School Stalls

Kirkbymoorside Christmas Fair stall to promote school and important fundraiser. PTA to help out this year. Volunteers for on the day appreciated. We will be making Christmas gifts through school over the coming weeks. We need parents to get involved in the gift making if possible. Saturday 25 November 10am – 2pm but needs help 9am – 3pm to include set up and pack away.

Woodwork sessions making reindeers and snowmen to sell on the stalls. Monday 6 and 13 November 6pm – 7.30pm in school. If possible please bring Logs of various sizes in diameter for the body and legs and strong twigs for antlers. Saws, hammers and galvanised nails 1 ¼ and 1 ½ inch if possible. If you are unable to bring supplies there will be some available so please do come. Any help would be appreciated, Dad's, mum's grandparents friends. This is not suitable for the younger pupils but older pupils could help with the making.

Annual Christmas stall in Kirkby market – Wednesday 6th December selling wreaths, cakes, preserves, biscuits etc. Early request for parents to bring in moss and other greenery for wreath making on the Tuesday night 5th December. SW leading on this. This year to be held in Fadmoor Village hall. Any other ideas for crafts to make please let school know.

AT requested donations of wooden photo frames for the craft club.

School Photographs

At the moment we do not have a photographer booked to take school photos prior to Christmas. The trial with Emma Dodsworth didn't work as no one could get to see the photographs via the dropbox link.

Jo Loggie has offered to take this year's photos on behalf of the PTA with all proceeds from photos going to PTA. Everyone at meeting agreed this would be great to try for this year. Thanks Jo.

Requested expenditure:

AT requested PTA contribution to Beamish trip on 15th November. Cost £21 / child. Due to low funds in PTA account and existing commitments for autumn term it has been decided PTA will contribute £6/child leaving a parental contribution of £15. This is likely to be the last school trip due to lack of PTA funds.

AOB:

It was suggested to the PTA that a change of name may encourage more people outside of school to get involved. For example – change Gillamoor School PTA to Friends of Gillamoor School. This was discussed, and thought to be a possibility but we will continue as we are for the busy term ahead and look into again early next year.

The next Meeting is the AGM on Monday 13th November 7.30pm – we need new volunteers. Please come along to support your school.