

Gillamoor C of E Primary School PTA

Minutes of PTA meeting held on 25th January at 7.30pm

Present: Jo Loggie (JL), Sarah Morbey (SM), Rachel Strickland (RS), Alison Twedde (AT), Sally Potter(SP), Karen Stanley (KS).

Apologies for absence

Gill Aconley (GA), Andy Dean (AD), Peter Jones (PJ).

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

Matters Arising

None.

Financial Update

GA was unable to attend the meeting, but sent the final approved version of the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2015, which were discussed at the AGM in November, and the Treasurer's Report showing income / expenditure since the accounts were completed. Please see attached sheets for detailed information. Since August we have had an income of £1988.55 and expenditure of £2,172.47. As you will see, our biggest expenditure is on transport for trips and the weekly swimming. **It is therefore crucial we remain active with our fundraising to match our expenditure and to prevent a huge rise in parental contributions. We need to raise a minimum of £5000 this year.** We have available funds of £3,981.57. There is still £27,480.00 in the account dedicated to chapel expenditure.

SP thanked GA for financial reports.

Bank Mandate: Need to ask GA if this has now been completed with bank.

Review of Autumn Term & Christmas Activities

Fun Night – raised £124 and everyone agreed it was a good night and should remain in the fund raising calendar this year. PJ has agreed to be Bingo caller next time.

Bags 2 School in December – raised over £100. Next collection booked for Thursday 12th May after the jumble sale.

Wreath making & stall – fantastic efforts by everyone – we raised £735.50 and continues to be our most successful fundraiser. It was agreed this will continue. The money raised from Jane Harper's wreath orders goes directly to the school chapel funds. We have not yet heard how much was raised.

Castle Museum and Panto Trip – again another excellent trip. It was agreed to continue to go to Grand Opera House in 2016, with the possibility of a morning trip ice skating at the Designer Outlet. AT looking in to it. AT has raised issues with the bus company to ensure a smoother trip next year.

Christmas Party – Everyone had a great time. AT thanked PTA for contributions to pass the parcel presents and other presents. SP thanked KS for putting together the children's party food.

Forthcoming events

Easter Produce Stall

SP to try and book a stall in Towlers Arch prior to Easter to sell crafts made by the children with Mrs Hugill, as well as baking and other produce. This will replace last year's cake stall in Helmsley. RS & JL agreed to recruit parental help to run the stall on the day.

DOES ANYONE HAVE THE SCHOOL TABLECLOTH / BANNER AT HOME FOLLOWING A FUND RAISING EVENT? IF SO PLEASE CAN IT BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL. THANKYOU.

Jumble Sale & Bags to School

Our annual jumble sale is booked for Monday 9th May 6pm. It was decided to have a separate stall for designer clothes, which are worth a higher price. Posters and fliers to include request for any large or white goods as well as the usual clothes etc. KS to book village hall. JL to promote on Facebook. SP to put in papers and Local magazine. Agreed £1 entry to include tea and biscuits. KS to produce poster for circulation.

The next Bags to School is booked for Thursday 12th May 9am collection. SM to book a date for November / December.

Kirkby 10K 2016 – Sunday 1st May

This year's event is on the same day as the Tour de Yorkshire which will be passing through Kirkby in the afternoon. To avoid a clash and allow helpers / stewards to watch the bike race, the 10K committee has decided to hold all 3 children's races and the fun race from 12.55 onwards, before the bike race is likely to come past, and the main race will now start at 3pm.

We need volunteers to help on the day – please let school know if you can spare an hour or two.

It was discussed if we could get permission from a landowner on the side of the A170 who would allow us to design some Land Art which could be shown on the TV coverage. RS to ask someone she knows.

The 10K will be promoted by the T de Y as one of the events happening during the course of the bike race.

Sponsored Walk

This has proved to be a good fundraiser and very popular with the children and parents. Again proceeds will go towards the Christmas activity prior to the panto. This year's walk is planned for Thursday 30th June. AD has agreed to organise this year's route.

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It is hoped this will continue this year. KS to find out proposed date.

Other fundraising Ideas:

PJ has provided some fundraising suggestions to be discussed by the PTA. It was agreed by all to ask PJ if he will investigate what is involved in organising a Bingo Night to be held in Kirkbymoorside (possibly the British Legion).

SP suggested asking Jake & Emma Leonard if they would host a quiz night in the pub in Hutton and also if Judy Featherstone would host one later in the year at The Moors Inn, Appleton. SP to follow up.

Requested expenditure:

AD has requested an I-Pod with speakers to replace the broken CD player. This was discussed but no decision made.

AD has also requested the PTA contribute to the junior trip to London in May. Costs are likely to be around £30 / child and AD requested the PTA pay 50% of costs. After discussion, it was agreed to fund up to £10 / child with a parental contribution of at least £20. It was agreed that the trip was already very cheap and the majority of parents would probably be happy to pay the full cost.

It was agreed a future trip for the infants would be funded to ensure fairness across the whole school.

SM said that some of the children had asked for more stilts as some of the existing ones had broken. It was agreed to fund 3 pairs of stilts. SM to organise.

The next Meeting will be on Monday 25th April 7.30pm – Please come along and support your school.