

ACS PTA Meeting – 16th January 2020

Attendees - Julia Milligan, Nadeene Stewart, Lizzi Hodgkinson, Angela Skinner, Claire Toms, Julie Fernandes-Tansley, Suzy Hope, Susie Williams, Nami Nishino, Annie Horne, Irina Crick, Cathy Carter, Shannon Beadle, Marta Skotnicka, Paula, Ayanna Rezulska, Amy Leary

Apologies - Richard Brown, Karen Francis, Nicole Ho, Sophie Attree, Claire Nash, Amanda Currie, Nicola Mongon

Approval of last month's minutes – everyone was happy with last month's minutes – signed off and approved after recognising:

Building work – now complete. PTA BIG items to be moved following fitting of airbricks in outside shed area.

Draw for 200 Club

First prize = 41

Second prize = 62

AGM:

Received treasurer's report 2018/19 & co chair report – both to be saved with these minutes

Changes:

Co chairs – Nadeene and Claire stepping down – *huge huge thank you from everyone for all you've done!*

Appointments confirmed:

***Chair – Lizzi Hodgkinson**

Treasurer – Julia Milligan

Communications Officer – Julie Fernandes-Tansley

Co Secretary – Suzy Hope / Amy Leary

***Regarding the Chair Appointment:** Lizzi explained that she had agreed to take on the role of chair on the basis that she would try to make it more of an "overseeing" role. She can't attend all of the events, nor get involved in the detailed organisation of all of them. She will happily oversee all of the events but will rely on people being willing to join subcommittees to bring all of the events to fruition. She added that making the role of Chair more in line with a traditional chair, will hopefully help with succession and encourage more people to consider taking on the role.

Revised Metro Bank signatories:

Lizzi Hodgkinson, Julia Milligan, Amy Leary to be retained/appointed as signatories. Nadeene Stewart to remain as signatory during a transition period.

(Karen Francis, Joanna Meaden, Katharine Rhodes and Claire Nash to be removed as signatories *with a thank you.*)

Class Reps recognised

- No change except Gold Class
- Welcome to Lime & Apple!

Event Round Up:

Panto

- Donation of £509 made to subsidise ticket prices - many must have ticked no subsidy box, as previous year's donation was £950

Christmas Trees

- 8 orders, raising £31. Good quality trees. Hopefully will attract more orders next year.

Upcoming events

Valentine's Bake Sale – 13/2

- Julia and Irina agreed to run
- Suzy to liaise with XYZ

Comedy Night – 13/3

- Rob and Richard have started organising/booking compere etc
- Lizzi to check in with them to see if they need help setting up a sub-committee

Spring Disco for Reception and Year 1 – 26/3

- Julia in the process of booking DJ – to find out if he's willing to reduce the little to reflect the fact it's only one hour and we have fewer students attending to cover the cost
- Need to find a sub-committee for this one, hopefully made up of parents of Reception/Year 1

Coffee morning with nearly new sale – 20/3

- Nearly new a.m & p.m (on same day this time round)

Years 2-6 Film Night – 1st April

- In classrooms so able to start at 3.30pm so easier for parents/volunteers and teachers.
- Karen Francis agreed to lead

Odyssey takeover – 1 June

- LH to put a shout out for a school to partner with so we can share the hire cost again
- Odyssey already have us pencilled in
- Suzy to continue to liaise and hand over..
- Toy Story 4 or Secret Life of Pets 2 suggested films..

Half marathon marshalling – 14 June

- Need to find somebody to take over the reins when Suzy Hope leaves
- ACS need to book a marshalling pitch for 2021 with the Council asap!

Summer event

- Poss themed disco at Pioneers – 80's? Wine tasting again?
- Do we think there's enough appetite for another adult event?

Summer Fair –27 June

- Julia and Karen offered to lead this
- Considering outsourcing food this year. The BBQs have seen better days, and running the BBQ is no fun for the volunteers!

First aid:

3 hour St John's Ambulance session at School (£25 + VAT per person, max of 14) muted. This would help us always have a trained first aider at events, for insurance purposes. Receive a certificate which lasts 3 years. Mrs Carter pointed out that all teachers are Level 1 qualified; it is just the paediatric training which few have completed. Lizzi pointed out that our insurer doesn't require specialist paediatric training. Shannon Beadle offered to obtain a quote from an alternative training provider.

JustGiving Fundraising for Theatre Donations:

- Needs one final push on the newsletter
- Cut off date half term?
- Letter drafted for local businesses re permanent mention on entrance board to theatre – Claire needs to send out
- NOTED: Just Giving now set up to include the School and receive gift aid – for any parent running the marathon etc.

Any other Business:

- Updating PTA web pages – Julie F-T to take care of this
- 2-3 days advert – Lizzi to follow up with Karen and Sophie Ashcroft to see if we can make one more attempt to raise some money for the donation
- Toy update – we have enough for now!
- Timing of future PTA meetings – would it be possible to hold them earlier in the evenings or even during the daytime? The overwhelming response was that any earlier in the evening would make it difficult for attendees to get there in time and therefore have an adverse impact on what we can achieve. Occasional day time meetings discussed as a possibility to keep in mind but could be tricky to find a day to suit most.

- School camp out still under consideration
- Need to carry on plugging easyFundraising and Matchfunding. Nadeene to forward to Lizzi the wording Nicola Mongon prepared re easyFundraising.

2020 Fundraising Causes:

- Air con for the School
- Landscaping outside the school – working party to be considered – tree planting? Would need planning permission (Helen Page?)

NEXT MEETING – Monday 9th March 2020 – everybody welcome