

ACS PTA Meeting – Thursday 21st May 2020, 8.30pm (via Zoom)

Attendees – Lizzi Hodgkinson, Julia Milligan, Suzy Hope, Julie Fernandes-Tansley, Nicole Ho, Angela Skinner, Richard Brown

Apologies – Amy Leary, Sophie Attree, Sophie Ashcroft, Karen Francis, Claire Toms, Marta Skotnicka

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

Lizzi followed up on a few points :

- Still awaiting metro bank to relieve duties from Nadeene
- Lizzi still needs to follow up with Nicola Mongon re easyfundraising updates
- This meeting is initial trial for Zoom PTA meeting; possible that this may be a useful model going forward to avoid travel / babysitters etc and enable more to attend

Draw for 200 Club

April draw:

First prize – 32

Second prize – 24

May:

1st - 37

2nd - 30

EVENTS ROUNDUP

Comedy Night – 13/03

£300 profit – hit 55 people our break even!

Evening went really well and people seemed to really enjoy it. Great standard of comedy.

50:50 and Bar made up the £! But not as much spent on the bar as last year. Covid-19 may have had a small impact - 5 or so “no shows”

Consideration will be given to the model: ticket price going forward? How can we appeal to more parents? Lizzi mooted trying to engage with parents to try to understand the type of event they'd like to see/would attend, especially as it was noted on the night that quite a few of the attendees were representing year 6.

Nearly New Sale – 27/03

£27 profit

- Lots of great condition uniform items being kept until we all return

(Coffee morning 20/3, Spring Disco 26/3, Years 2-6 Film Night 1/4 all sadly had to be postponed due to covid-19)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lockdown disco – reception and year 1, Friday 29 May

Online ticket sales via Ticket Tailor, our online platform – on sale to reception and year 1 only on Fri 22nd May. Nicole helping Lizzi, Julia and Julie to organise/run this, with our normal DJ

(About Ticket Tailor: Paypal fees incurred only. Special PTA discount for Ticket Tailor during covid-19.

Looks very professional and very easy to use. Obviously also gets around the paper ticket issue currently.)

Potentially limited to 100 on Zoom but could upgrade if more want to come.

- Discussing Zoom disco for years 5 & 6 – TikTok dances? tba
- Possible Scavenger Hunt for years 2,3,4 with break out rooms for year group/ small groups tba

Zoom Parent Quiz w/e of 27/06 tba

With Comedian host Philip Simon paid for using the sponsor £ from B&H Estate Agents

Possibly a donation only event if sponsorship covers the costs.

If parents give a minimum donation – automatically entered for prize draw – Lizzi negotiating wine prizes from Wine Bar on George Street.

Suggested minimum donation discussed - £5 a ticket agreed

Other prizes discussed – one option – fish and chip dinner

Odyssey Takeovers

1 June event cancelled due to covid-19

Pencil in Nov 1st for next showing – Suzy to maintain contact with Odyssey re cinema opening

Someone needs to take over from Suzy to coordinate with the Odyssey going forward.

St Albans Half Marathon Marshalling – 14/06

Cancelled this year

Still looking for a volunteer to take this over

Summer Fair – 27/06

Cancelled

First Aid Course – on hold

Fundraising targets

- Chromebooks – 32 new Chromebooks (cost approx. £7000) – £ paid

What does the school need?

School wish list:

- Gardening equipment
 - Seating for the Library
 - Art/design technology equipment
 - Food technology equipment
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- Initial £360 for trees planted to offset carbon output from the School (to be added to wish list in September?)

Theatre Plaque

Plaque with sponsor names to be put up as soon as possible as Nadeene and Claire now have all the names.

Online PTA Community

Communications platform, like school gateway but for the PTA to better communicate with the school community.

Annual fee of circa £200.

E.g. PTA Plan, Plan Social etc.

Still looking at one way PTA comms tool for ticket sales / rotas – a one stop shop

Rob looking into options.

Any Other Business

- Trees to be planted (in Scotland) to offset carbon outage from the School. This forms part of the Eco School status and strategy. Governors looking for PTA donations towards the monthly planting / tree maintenance costs – of £36 a month. Mrs Stray agreed for the school to support.
- Tea towel – on hold until children in to do the drawings. Given we hope to do Xmas cards in the autumn term, possibly put on hold until the spring.

Date of Next Zoom PTA Meeting – 7th July 2020 – all welcome!