

ACS PTA Meeting – 7th July 2020 at 8.30pm - Zoom

Attendees – Lizzi Hodgkinson, Julia Milligan, Claire Toms, Nadeene Stewart, Mrs Stray, Marta, Richard Brown, Suzy Hope, Julie Fernandes-Tansley, Nicola Mongon

Apologies – Amy Leary, Nicole Ho

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

Lizzi's updates:

- Lizzi now official signatory for Metro Bank a/c
- Lizzi and Nicola have had a conversation re Easy Fundraising push

Draw for 200 Club

July draw:

First prize – 7

Second prize – 18

£654 raised through the 200 Club membership for 19/20 academic year.

200 Club to be relaunched for new academic year in September with the aim of attracting 100 participants. There is a £60 1st prize if 100 sign up.

A (virtual) barometer will monitor how many have signed up. Given the likely limitations on fundraising events the 200 Club will be more important than ever.

EVENTS ROUNDUP

(Virtual) Lock Down Disco – 29th May – Reception & Year 1

50% of the eligible children attended

Feedback was great with children reported to have 'loved it!'

The event was funded by B&H's sponsorship

Years 2,3 & 4 Virtual Disco – 12th June

50% uptake so approx., 90 children attended. Again, great feedback and dj happier with set up etc second time round.

Years 5 & 6 Captain Fantastic Parties – 18th/19th June

Again, around a 50% uptake with very good feedback from children and families. The entertainer was great engaging the older children. Easy to set up.

£246 raised at the two discos

£122 raised from Captain Fantastic Party

Total of £368 profit made where the main objective was fun and social engagement for the ACS children during lockdown.

Parent Virtual Quiz with a twist of comedy – 27th June

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

41 households participated and gave donations to attend. The donations with the money raised on the amazing raffle totalled £717.00.

Enjoyable event – people enjoyed having Philip host it. Quite a lot of work involved in preparing the questions especially as they needed to be suitable for the way Kahoot! works but would be easier now the IT side of things has been tested.

Total of £1,076 PTA profit raised over lockdown. Everyone agreed we should be proud of this achievement as not only did the children have something to look forward to but we also raised a nice sum of money for the school.

It was also noted that ticket tailor and paypal now set up and work well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

200 Club

- To be relaunched September, following a rebranding and efforts to make it easier to sign up

Christmas Cards

Children to design

£1300 raised last year on Christmas Cards so definitely worth doing again. Need to find someone to help Julia arrange this year.

Odyssey Visit October

Not currently possible.

Once it becomes possible again, Suzy to make contact with Sophie for face to face introductions. Sadly it is unclear at this stage when this might be.

Parent Quiz – Autumn Term

Further discussion to take place re another Zoom Quiz, hosted by Philip Simon?

Discussions to take place with Mike, who volunteered to take over from Angela, and whether he might be interested in compiling the questions.

Halloween Disco

Discussion around it being very unlikely we can run our normal discos at school. Query over whether the novelty of zoom has worn off for children or worth investigating online options?

Nearly New Sale

Noted that mainly summer dresses left in the stock we have at the school.

Further discussion to take place re parents swapping pieces between themselves via PTA Facebook and making a small donation to the school as a result of the swap.

Online PTA Community

- Presented as an alternative to the PTA box inside the school which is opened up each week. Parents will not have access to this for some time and can pay for events online. Ticket tailor was free during the lockdown but there will be a small fee from September. Julie updated that PTA's get a good rate – somewhere around £100 p.a. flat rate.
- Paypal fees do make a dent on monies raised and a 20p charge to use Paypal as a payment method was discussed.

(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.)

Charitable Status for the PTA

- The PTA were updated that if over £5k raised a year – automatically a charity and should therefore register as such. The PTA will therefore register with the Charity Commission. There will be quite a formal set up required: trustees etc
- Lizzi looking into registering. A discussion then took place regarding full accounts that would need to be submitted but hopefully no more onerous than what we currently do.
- There will be lower Paypal fees if PTA have charitable status and the opportunity for additional monies via Gift Aid and just giving.

School Wishlist - Fundraising targets

- £1,076.59 raised during this period
- £900 art & design materials on the school list & £235 for gardening equipment. We could fund both of these.

- PTA agreed to fund the art materials and this will be announced.

Theatre Plaque

- Nadeene has put all the names on a list for the plaque.
- Mrs Stray has this on her to do list. It was acknowledged that it is not urgent as parents will not be able to visit school and see this for some time.

Easy Fundraising

Nicola and Lizzi are working up a notice linking this to buying school uniform

Half Marathon

- Lizzi updated the group with the idea that some activities could be linked to year groups as fun traditions – eg marshalling at the half marathon could be a time limited fundraiser involving families from a particular year group/film night organised by a certain year group.
- Need someone to take over from Suzy as half marathon liaison.

AOB:

The PTA will need an auditor towards the end of the year – could be a parent at the school and there will be a shout out for potential interest in the newsletter.

There was a very heartfelt farewell to (and from) Angela and Suzy and a hope that new members to the school may wish to become involved with the PTA and the activities that raise so many necessary funds for this wonderful school. Efforts to be made to encourage attendance, ideally one rep from each class to ensure we represent the whole school.

Next Meeting : 10th September 2020 at 8.30pm on Zoom

ALL WELCOME!

....wish I could be there. Thank you for having me, good luck to all, Suzy