



# St Catherine's RC Primary School, Didsbury

## Parent Teacher Association

### Minutes for PTA Members Meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### 7.00pm St Catherine's School

##### **In attendance:**

Alessandra Parello (Chair), Nina Chwastek (Head teacher), Debbie Lynch (Treasurer), Mandy Harris (Teacher Rep), Vinnett Walsh (Secretary), Paul Wheeler, Sarah Conlon and Cathy Redford

##### **1. Apologies:**

Sarah Daly, Carola Guevera, Antoinette Meskill, Anna Kerins

##### **2. The minutes from the last PTA meeting**

Minutes agreed for 10 January meeting

##### **3. Financial update:**

• School Disco – 19 Jan	£1233.10
• Coffee morning 9 Feb	£148.05
• Non uniform day 15 Feb	£343.61
• Mums and Dads social 2 March	£1182.15
<b>• Bank account balance</b>	<b>£8946.72</b>
<b>• Total raised so far</b>	<b>£7391.90</b>
<b>• Still to raise</b>	<b>£10600.00</b>

Treasurer confirmed that the PTA accounts for 2016/17 have been successfully audited.

##### **4. Review of recent events:**

- Recent events went well and were well supported by children and parents/carers
- Lots of lovely cakes were sold thanks to Jane.
- Feedback from the school disco was that one of the toy rings that glows contained a flat round lithium cell battery was in the ring. **Action: No toys should be sold containing these batteries they are particularly dangerous for younger children who might attempt to swallow them and contain lithium which is corrosive.**

##### **5. Forthcoming events**

**Irish Coffee** – Hot chocolate, Irish Coffee, Coddle, Soda bread and cakes to be sold. There will be a fantastic raffle of a 1kg Lindt Chocolate Bunny – Mama Mia !! Irish music and dancing.

Event starts at 3pm and finishes at 4pm. Access to school hall will be between 1430 and 1445. Helpers to arrive at 1430 to set up.

**Movie Night 23 March** – 120 tickets sold so far .

**Action:** School to identify four members of staff that can help with getting children back to their parents at the end of the movie night. Two for Infants and two for Juniors

**Action:** Vinnett to purchase food for snack boxes

**Action:** Volunteers needed – email/text to be sent out

**School Disco** – Friday 18 April . Agreed that we would sell Prosecco and Gin as well !!

**Action:** Alessandra to organise the venue and the DJ

**Action :** Vinnett to purchase licence

**Coffee Morning** – Friday 18 May – we will decide at next meeting if we want to hold coffee morning on that date.

**St Georges non-uniform day** – Children will be asked to dress in red and white and pay £1 . There will be tables and chairs and bunting and Jane Zacharzewski has offered to bake cakes for the event. There will be cakes and

(Discussed other non-uniform days - one will be bring a bottle for the summer fair and another for the Spanish exchange – bring chocolate and the chocolate bingo event).

**Quiz night – 27 April at the social club, Jamie Richardson organising.** Tickets will be sold on ParentMail.

**Date TBC Dad night out** – Jamie Richardson is organising.

**Date TBC Ladies night out** – Ideas needed for location, theme and how to raise money at the event.

**Action:** Alessandra to check out Slug and lettuce and Pasha restaurant for potential venues.

**Didsbury Festival** – Alessandra wants the stall to focus on providing games for children and adults – perhaps four games and guess the number of mini eggs.

**Action :** Mandy Harris to contact her link with the festival and try and find out this year's theme, whether we can have a table in the same location as last year

**Summer Fair** – Initial thoughts about who will cover which stalls **Action** - Alessandra to arrange organising committee for the fair.

Sarah Conlon - - Gin and Tonic, Beer and Prosecco bar

Vinnett Walsh – Bouncy obstacle course

Cathy Redford – Sweets and collecting money

Meeting agreed that we would have a bouncy castle for under 6's and the obstacle course for 6+

## 6. AOB

Royal Wedding is on May 19 – Should we organise something to celebrate the occasion?

School is putting together a working party to look at the school meals. First meeting Friday 16 March. Looking at current arrangements, other providers and long-term aim is to have our own school kitchen. Sarah Conlon and Alessandra Parello agreed to attend.

**Outgoing Chair and Treasurer of PTA**

**Action** – School to put notification in the newsletter regarding upcoming replacement of the Chair and Treasurer

**Co-op Local Community Fund** – St Catherine’s PTA has been selected by the Co-op to be a local cause benefitting from their new Membership scheme. The scheme donates 1% of all Co-op branded purchases by Co-op members to local good causes. Parents, carers, friends and family will be able to raise money for the PTA by shopping at the co-op. Cards cost £1

**Action:** Debbie to put information about Co-op card on facebook.

**Action :** Everyone use their card !

**Playing for 18 – Alyssia from Class 13 is the winner of the drawing competition. This will be put in next newsletter and Alyssia will be given her £10 voucher prize.**

**7. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 16 May 2018 7pm**