



**Minutes for PTA Members Meeting: Wednesday 20 March 2019**

**7.00pm St Catherine's School**

**In attendance:** Sarah Moister (Chair), Nina Chwastek (Head teacher), Jenny McCormick (Teachers representative), Kate Mackenzie, Claire Clay, Vinnett Walsh (Secretary) Antoinette Meskill, Katherine Kibble

**1. Apologies:**

Sarah Conlon, Anna Kerins, Paul Wheeler, Trish McElroy (Treasurer), Jo Fisher

**2. The minutes from the 16 January 2019 meeting approved.**

**3. Finance update**

Movie night	£705.26
Non uniform day	£249.97
Coffee morning	£136.46
Spring ball	£2909.22
Easy fundraising	£102.93
School Lottery	£349.20
Balance of account	£10532.62

**Review of recent events:**

**Movie Night**

Some concerns raised by a few of the helpers about the behaviour of some of the children. Agreed that there should be more of a teacher presence - intermittently throughout the film. Possibly move Key Stage 1 to the hall and Key Stage two in two separate classes at the Junior side of school. This would help with getting children to the movie night and handing over to parents/carers. We agreed that parents need to be reminded that the movie ends at 5pm and cannot be collected before this time as it is disruptive. There won't be another movie night until next year.

**Coffee Morning** - went well.

**Non-uniform day** - discussed how to increase the £1 contribution for wearing their own clothes to reflect the number of children who participate. Perhaps collecting money in buckets at the school gate. Reminding parents/carers the morning of the event.

**Spring Ball** - This was a great success with a large amount of money raised and lots more people are hoping to attend next year. The photographs and the goodie bags were a nice touch. It was agreed that the event should take place next year in the same venue, staff were great and were pleased with the event. Sarah, Claire and the organizing

committee did a great job. **Claire to provisionally book Northenden Golf Club for 7th March 2020**

**Forthcoming events:**

**Coffee morning - 5 April - Jane will make the cakes**

**St Georges' and St Catherine of Siena celebration - on 29 April - theme red and white non-uniform day and tea party at 3pm - tea, coffee, soft drinks, Jane will make the cakes, will also sell donuts and a few other snacks - **Helpers needed.****

**Quiz night 11 May - Hilary confirmed that Paul will organise this and has some dads from year 5&6 to help. Will confirm theme etc. by end of the week. Sarah will ask Anna to design Poster and Tickets will be on sale before Easter.**

**Disco 17 May - DJ Dom is booked. Feedback from the last disco was there was too many sweets. Agreed that there would be less and that we need to consider the environmental impact of using plastic at events **Action: Ask children to bring their labelled water bottles, use reusable plastic cups from school kitchen and paper cups. Will sell some glow items. There will be a prosecco bar as well. Theme will be fancy dress for Key Stage 1.****

**Summer Fair - 7 July - WhatsApp group set up. Jenny confirmed a big prize from Eclectic Hotel group.**

**Action - Kat to see if she can get some more big prizes.**

**Action : Those that secured prizes last year through their contacts to do the same as soon as possible.**

**Agreed - Choir to open the fair, Cheerleaders to put on a performance and the mats can be put out at 2.45**

**Entertainer booked - Greatest showman theme from 1.30 - 2.30 . Peter Lennon will MC all agreed he was very good last year. Not having bouncy castles this year so need to think of something that can be based in the mugga. Other possibilities - beat the goalie, inviting School of Sport and Explore Learning.**

**Each year group will be given a stall to run:**

**Nursery and Reception adopt a bear and Book Stall**

**Year 1 Cakes**

**Year 4 BBQ**

**Year 2 Games**

**Year 5 Tattoo and nail bar**

**Year 3 Bar**

**Year 6 Tombola**

**Toiletry stall to be run by Mrs Dewsnapp et al.**

**Prosecco and Ice-cream 19 July - same set up as previous year, nice way to end the school year**

**Second hand uniform sale - Liz Riding has agreed to coordinate.**

**Action: Sarah to speak to office about collecting Cardigans and Jumpers. Sarah to agree when the first sale will be depending on donations perhaps at tea party and end of term.**

**Action: Jenny to provide box to locate outside office and has offered to store if we get a lot of donations**

**New event - Ice-cream Fridays in the summer term - selling ice lollies - Agreed this would be a good idea and we would wait to see what the weather is like.**

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Danny Willet signed flag from Masters win kindly donated by Kat and Lee Kibble - Discussed how we could auction this and suggested getting more prizes on a Sports theme. Need to put more thought into this, possibly approach the big golf clubs to see if they would like to collaborate.

Notice board in playground - Nina confirmed that it was being organised and alongside a white board.

Update on plans for playground - Information will be available in the next newsletter

**Bag2school** - Will look at this in September. This is quite popular with schools. Children give a bag to fill with unwanted clothes, shoes etc. it is collected, weighed and the school gets money. The clothes are sent to deprived countries/communities.

**Family Social** - agreed to postpone until beginning of next school year as too many events already in the next few months. Would be a nice way to welcome new parents to school. Could ask School of Sport if they would like to attend and let parents know about the after school clubs they will be providing for the year ahead and have a BBQ.

**Action: Kate to check availability with Didsbury Sports Ground, liaise with Friday Football and Rugby group about providing sessions to entertain the kids.**

**Next meeting - Wednesday 15 May 2019 @ 7pm - Come along everyone !!**