

St. Thomas' PTA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 15th January 2020 – The Elizabethan



Attendees: Laura Nadel (Co-Chair), Becky Judson (Treasurer), Toni Brokenbrow, Joanne Hayes, Adele Burns, Jen Cleary, Bec Till

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Apologies	Rhian Greaves, Sarah Morley, Angie Pollard, Claire Hyde
2. Recent activities & funds raised	<p>Beer, Bubbles and Bingo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huge thanks to Team Bingo from Mrs Mellor's class. The evening was a universal success, with extremely positive feedback from all those in attendance. This is exactly the model that the committee would encourage – a class taking ownership of a PTA event/activity, drawing on a team of volunteers to share the work and making a real success of it. • The amount raised was £1436 • There have been many requests for the event to be repeated next year. • Rhian has asked the team to complete a feedback form. <p>Meeting with School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chairs had a very positive meeting with school recently, and a full update was provided in the meeting. In summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The £10k sent already has been put towards Infant Playground upgrades and the dance company which came into school. The PTA has had great feedback from parents on the new playground markings and has shared with school. ○ School is delighted with the corporate funding opportunities being pursued by Joanne Hayes. Some items will need cash funding. The big goal is to fund a wood cabin/outside classroom at the Junior site forest school, and we will keep fundraising towards that. Other smaller items are also needed. The immediate priorities for this year are a discretionary fund for the school to use), treats for VE day (see below), discos for years 1-5, alternative to disco for reception, and bigger treat for year 6, and year 6 hoodies. ○ Lost property system is working well. ○ School is happy to support a reverse advent calendar next year ○ School is amenable to a sponsored magazine subject to sufficient support. The idea needs to be fleshed out and discussed with Ms Loynes and Mrs Morris in more detail. ○ It would be useful to school and new parents if the PTA calendar could be mapped out in the summer term for the following year. <p>Corporate Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joanne is continuing to do an amazing job. She is speaking to Travis Perkins about them supplying some bark chippings; she has made an application for a PA system on behalf of the school; and is discussing with school whether to apply for funding from the RHS for a school garden. She has also supported school with a number of applications they have to make themselves, including for wellies and books. • AmazonSmile money should be received next week.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need to encourage more people to sign up to AmazonSmile and Easy Fundraising. Joanne has investigated Facebook Fundraisers – they let you keep all the money. Suggested a campaign could be focussed on the tree carving for the big log outside the Infants. <p>Terracycle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The children are very supportive of this eco-friendly activity. Some local businesses including the George & Dragon and The Plough have been supportive too. £50 has been raised. Future comms will explain Terracycle for new parents.
3. Resolutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £1500 to be given to school for discretionary fund. Amount to be reviewed in December 2020 and Mrs Billington has agreed to track expenditure. PTA agrees to fund year 6 treat of £9 per head plus travel PTA agrees to fund hoodies on same basis as last year – year 6 to confirm costings PTA agrees to pay £190 for school disco. Spikey Mike has been booked for 20 & 21 May. PTA agrees in principle to fund VE day treat – Laura to ask school for quote
4. Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football cards to be distributed in book bags on Thursday 13 Feb – Laura to sort Mother's day gifts – Laura to email school re timetabling for sale, Becky coordinating actions including sourcing volunteers Easter colouring competition – Laura and Rhian to sort Smarties challenge to go live 20 April – Bec to work with Team Smartie. The campaign will be to raise money for playtime equipment for both sites. Toni will liaise with school to identify suitable items. Becky to speak to current year 6 ambassador so they can take charge of hoodie orders (to be in choice of two school colours – navy with white/white with navy) Discos – 20 (Infant) & 21 (Junior) May 5-6.30pm. Laura has booked Spikey Mike. Becky will ask class ambassadors for volunteers and make the 'ask' clear i.e. help with purchasing sweets and drinks, set up and tidy up on the night. Summer fair – moved to 10 July to avoid football clash. To be sports themed and child focussed, with food and drinks etc as usual. Rhian and Laura are organising and will form subcommittee. Immediate request is any sports related prizes for the luxury raffle. Comms – 3 ways to help the PTA for free. Joanne to work with Sarah to create a draft hard copy. World Book Day – Bec and Jen happy to coordinate swapshop posts Tree carving – Laura to speak to Mrs Morris Adele to speak to the person who suggested the school magazine with a view to her taking this forward Adele to investigate the possible cost of a Traffic Consultant to advise on dangerous parking and driving around both sites.
5. Next meeting	Tuesday 10th March 8PM at the George and Dragon