

Minutes of Friends of Kelsall School PTA Meeting on Tuesday 4th March 6.30pm

Present – Richard Brookfield, Lorna Hunt, Nic Badger, Rachel Kershaw, Julie Cradock, Marcus Pawley, Christy Ward, Daniel Gasgarth, Christina Latorre, Helen Riley, Sharon Grover, J Walsh

Apologies - Chris Alexander, Yvonne Meadows, Bethany Spray, Karen Hawkins, Katie Whiteman, Debbie de kock

Welcome

Richard welcomed all to the meeting including new members.

- **Finances**

Richard confirmed he had received a potential request for the PTA to contribute £1k per annum towards the cost of the newly installed Life Channel TV screens from Mr Wearing.

Rachel Kershaw confirmed that the teacher wish list would be for the PTA to purchase IPAD's and Apple TV, ideally to a level where each class would have access to 6 IPAD's each so that children could work in groups, the current position is just one per class. It was agreed that Rachel would review with the teaching team to identify supplier and cost and come back with a proposal.

Lorna confirmed that the current PTA funds were just over £7k, it was agreed that Richard would arrange a meeting with Andy Hunt, David Wearing and the school secretary to review the budget to create a projected forecast in order to release funds for the IPAD's.

- **Xmas Fair –**

Richard had previously spoken with Katie W who stated that it wouldn't be possible for her to arrange the Christmas Fair in 2014, a new owner of this event is required which will be agreed later in the year.

- **Round Table –**

No cheque had been received from the Round Table Santa float, Richard was to contact the Round Table.

- **Event Calendar for 2014**

The events calendar for 2014 is still under construction. Richard will update the calendar and share when ready.

- **Film Night**

It was unclear if the schools entertainment licence allowed for a film night to take place, this needed further clarification, Rachel Kershaw would confirm with Katie Doyle if the PTA could organise a Film Night Event.

- **Spring Disco**

Disco feedback was excellent and the event managed to raise around £350, attendance was high for all years, although more helpers would be welcomed for KS2 in future.

Nic Badger would investigate the cost/option of the DJ who is used at Bunbury School.

A proposal for the next disco was to leave less time (maybe just 5 minutes) between the two Disco's to avoid KS2 children and parents having to wait outside too long.

Lorna Hunt would check available dates and confirm the next Disco date at the next meeting.

- **Bag To School**

The Bag to School dates agreed are 26th March and 27th June. Claire Barker has kindly agreed to own.

- **Bingo**

The date for the Bingo is the 22nd March at the Community Centre.

Richard is to obtain the final paperwork and arrange payment to the Community Centre.

Confirmation letter in respect of the own clothes day is to be sent out after the unfortunate clash with the superhero bike to school day.

Richard to purchase bingo pens.

Posters have been completed and will be put up this week.

Richard and Lorna will arrange collection of Bingo money for tickets and send out tickets.

Lorna will arrange the collection and collation of the prize hampers, Sharon Grover offered to help.

Helpers in the kitchen on the day CW,SG,JC,NB volunteered.

- **Gnome Hunt**

JC has developed the idea of a village gnome hunt over the weekend of the Folk Festival (23rd May – 26th May) which would include around 10 stop points where children would receive a gift at each stop.

Difficulties have been encountered in obtaining a cheap gnome for children to decorate. A warehouse in Warrington was suggested which JC is to investigate further. Christina kindly offered to help JC organise the event.

- **Summer Fair**

It was agreed that the summer fair would take place on Sat 7TH June,

Nic Badger and Julie Cradock agreed to arrange a separate informal meeting to develop plans.

Nic Badger confirmed she has contacted a couple of companies who will give commission for services provided and will book to avoid losing the slot.

Perhaps include football events as the summer fair is a week before the World Cup.

- **PTA Communication**

Nic Badger now has appropriate access and can update the PTA WEB page.

Lindsey has difficulty with the weight of the PTA notice board and a more practical solution is needed.

It was agreed to use the Life Channel screens to advertise upcoming events.

- **PTA Coffee Morning**

It was agreed to link a PTA coffee morning with an upcoming existing event, no definite plans were finalised.

- **Sponsored Walk**

Marcus has investigated the possibility of a fund raising sponsored walk, which is still in its early stages although potential routes around Delamere Forest have been identified. Nic Badger spoke with Bunbury PTA who would welcome this being a joint event and will pass on contact details for Marcus.

- **Bank Accounts**

Andy raised the issue of the current bank being inconvenient and wanted to change. Andy is to investigate and action this potentially looking at the Nat West or Co-op Bank for convenience.

Date of next meeting Tues 29th April 2014 6.30pm