

MINUTES

Cults Primary School PTA

6/2/2017 7:30 PM | Meeting called to order by Freia Henery

In Attendance

Freia Henery – Chair (FH)

Jane Setter – Treasurer (JS)

Shona Hamilton – Secretary (SH)

Michelle Barber (MB)

Sonya Angus (SA)

Lorna Dalziel (LD)

Jordan Thomson (JT)

Ellen McCrimmon (EM)

Fay Bruce (FB)

Liz Horgan (LH)

Apologies

Natalie Shand

Elaine Johnston

Kate Shaw

Lynda Smart

Katie Hulme

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were approved.

Committee

The new committee were introduced, Freia Henery as Chair, Shona Hamilton as Secretary and Jane Setter as Treasurer.

Financial Review

JS gave an overview of the financial position, the current balance is £33,195, £15,000 has been allocated to Mud No More which leaves a balance of £18,000 in the account, as yet this money has not been allocated.

The school financial year runs from April so there is a general tightening of belts at this time of year as the school approaches the year end.

Mrs. Johnstone will be approached to see what she would like to spend the additional funds on.

Communication was discussed and the committee would like to create a visual thermometer, which can be moved around the school as necessary, giving the parents a visual gauge of how much money has been raised via each fundraising activity. LD suggested an area in the reception could be created for information to be displayed and it was suggested the PTA could have a notice board here too.

LD suggested using a window in the in the blue and green units as well as a window in the 5D area to display PTA information.

A 6-month summary will be shared with parents to list the achievements and tell everyone about the success of the events held.

Chair's Review

Engaging with more parents

FH is concerned we aren't engaging with enough parents and posed the question how do we get more people involved? Group emails, groupcalls have been tried but with little effect, the following were all suggested as alternatives:

- An afternoon coffee meet & greet was suggested, this has been successful in the past, we could encourage everyone to take a friend along.
- Meet in a pub, either the Bielside, Kippie or David Lloyd. The two latter companies are keen to get involved with the school.
- Hold a gin tasting evening at Café Cognito in Aberdeen as an informal social event.

A suggestion was made to create a 'Friends of the PTA' group this would include people who are prepared to help but don't want to be involved in any of the organization or running an event.

FH suggested the PTA pack is reinstated to hand out to new parents to the school. This information could also be stored on the notice boards. It was suggested this information would be best distributed via email. The PTA pack could also be put onto the website and PTA facebook page. JT suggested important information can be 'pinned' on facebook to ensure it always shows at the top of the page so parents are reminded it's coming up.

Fundraising Ideas

Summer fair

The summer fair is a very successful event and is held every year, this will continue. It has been booked for the 3rd June. The tables have been booked but the grounds still to be confirmed.

Winter Fair

The Winter fair was very successful as well, the kid's crafts were very good and got the kids involved in the events. However, the craft work is incredibly time consuming but it was agreed the large turnout was a result of the kids having to pick up their crafts from the fair. The consensus is that the event should be held every 2 years. Therefore, the next one would be held in 2018.

Swishing

This is where parents swap clothes. Parents are encouraged to donate good quality clothes, shoes and handbags which can all be tried on and taken home at the event. Tickets sell for £15 and an alcohol license would be required from the council to sell alcohol on the premises, after all, this is where a majority of the margin is made and it would be a shame to outsource that to a 3rd party and lose potential revenue. It was agreed this would be best held in the Autumn / early Winter to replace the Winter Fair.

Glam Bingo

Again, this event could be held in school and alcohol would be sold to maximize profits.

School Disco

These are ongoing and cost £2. These are more of a feel good event for the kids as they don't raise a lot of money.

More volunteers are required for the upcoming P4 / P5 disco on the 23rd Feb. The staff at school weren't aware of this event as they are not copied into any of the emails, this will be changed going forward.

The time needs to be checked for the little one's disco. Caspers were in the room last time and there was a cross over. The let is needed from 4:30pm. Caspers need to be informed of the dates and time to ensure they are out of the room to enable set up to take place for the disco.

Raffle Tickets

Fundraising for this term is to sell raffle tickets for £10 for the chance to win a £1,000 gift voucher for John Lewis. A discussion was had about limiting the ticket sales but it was agreed to stick to the original plan and distribute the tickets via the kid's school bags, 2 tickets per family will be issued, which are to be returned to the teacher or the school office. An envelope and flyer giving more information about the prize on offer will also be issued to encourage more to be given back.

Bags to School

This has been booked for May.

Book Fair

Osborne book fair was aimed at young children. FH asked if travelling kids or Scholastic has been considered. LD and SC confirmed holding the book fair was a huge amount of work for the staff and they weren't keen to hold this twice a year. An alternative could be a book club where kids get a pack to go home and they can choose the books they would like.

Bake Sale

SH confirmed she has held several bake sales on the railway line and they have always raised about £600. Parents would donate home bakes and a stall would be set up at the bottom of SH's garden. A good time to hold this would be late summer, after the summer holidays.

Cook / Walk Book

A cook book sharing favorite kids recipes was suggested which could be sold to parents. It's a great way to get the kids involved.

SH also suggested a walk book, there are some great walks around the area, which are ideal for kids, either walking, on bikes or in a pram. A book like this could be sold in all the local shops for years with all profit going towards the PTA.

Next Meeting

3/13/2017 7:30 PM venue to be confirmed

The meeting finished at 9:10pm