

Fun and fundraising for Nannerch School

Minutes of the PTA Open Meeting Friday 14th March 2014 Cross Foxes, Nannerch

Present: Monique Duffy-Brogan (Chair) Sue Stone (Secretary); Joanne Capstick, Judith Townshend, Holly Wilding, Claire Halestrap, Shan Hughes-Parry, Mark Jones, Alexander Cowen-Wright (Parent members)

The meeting opened at approximately 8.00pm

Apologies: Evan John (Treasurer); Jude Perks, Sarah Roberts, Sally Owen

Proposal to Spend Funds:

The Chair raised the question "What should PTA funds be spent on?", and asked the Members to consider what they thought.

Ownership of PTA Regular Events/Fundraising Tasks:

Volunteers have taken Ownership of the following:

Twice yearly Book Fair - Sue Stone

Easy Fundraising - Sue Williams

Bag2School - Sarah Roberts

Recycling - Sue Stone

Uniform Recycling – Jen Mackintosh/Sarah Roberts

Jo Capstick and Jude Townshend agreed to take on the ailing 50/50 Club and attempt to generate interest. The Draw currently happens bi-monthly, but is non-profit making at present.

An Owner is still sought for Croeso Pawb teas, once a term, to recruit and organise volunteers to serve tea and biscuits.

Calendar of Main Events 2014:

Cake Sale – Monday of last week of term. Hope to make this regular event. **SLS**

Easter Egg Hunt – Family/village event, during Easter holidays. Alexander Cowen-Wright to manage event, as has corporate experience. **AC-W/Committee**

Summer Event (adults) – Day at Chester Races – negotiating 'corporate package' for group and selling tickets in advance, plus transport. Using the knowledge of Mr Cowen-Wright again. **AC-W/Committee**

Summer Event (children) – Summer ball/disco in school. Same format as Valentines/Halloween SLS/MD-B/EJ

Sports Club Fun Day – participate as before, with stalls and sideshows

Other ideas to consider: Party in Village Hall with bar/disco/comedians; Murder Mystery night at Stables, Soughton Hall; Community Cafe at Rhydymwyn or Cilcain.

'Added Value Clubs':

Sue Stone introduced the idea of 'Added Value Clubs' to be run in the 'free period' between school end and 3.45pm. After consultation with the School Council, initial suggestions are for a Story Telling club, Maths games club, Lego club, and Graffiti (handwriting) club. Clubs would be available to all Year Groups, and non-charged. We feel these could support and enhance the children's learning experience, and also bring the Community into school, by volunteering to run a once a week club, in 4-6 week blocks. **SLS/MD-B**

PTA Calendar:

Monique D-B presented an example of the PTA Calendar that we plan to issue, populated with Dates To Remember, such as term dates, events, and celebrations. It is hoped that this can later be expanded to raise funds for the school, through inclusion of children's artwork etc, and also include important information such as School phone numbers, website and Facebook links etc. **MD-B**

What Should We Pay For In Future?:

A motion was passed by show of hands (unanimous) to pay for a replacement Pirate Ship in the Infants playground. Repair had been considered, but replacement had proved to be more cost-effective. The PTA bank balance is currently around £3500, and the cost of the Ship will leave us with around £1000.

It was agreed that a Questionnaire should be issued, asking for the opinions of all Members about future use of Funds, and whether we should set a Fundraising Target each year. **SLS**

Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at around 10pm.