

PTA Meeting 01/03/23

Attendees: Sonia Adams, Charlotte Todd Brady, Emma McCormack, Kate, Kata Komar, Louise Rutterford, Liz Newton, Jen Gibson, Steve Ginnis, Kirsty Whayman

Apologies: Helen Beach, Kate Myers

### **Treasurers Reports by Liz Newton:**

Since the last meeting we have raised:

- £397.46 from the Beginner's Ball
- £345.90 from the Quiz Night
- £36.62 in bank interest
- £40.54 from Easy Fundraising
- £32.46 from Amazon Smile (Amazon have now stopped this method of fundraising)

The Lantern Parade also happened and this cost us £650 but we received donations of £105.50 from year 3 parents towards this.

Between the bank account, savings account and cash we have approx. £28,900. However, of that we are awaiting claims from the school (hopefully due this month) for various things including historic ring fenced amounts, the theatre trips and the play equipment totalling approximately £23,700 which leaves us just over £5,000 for future enrichment.

### **Eco Group- update from Louise**

- Eco Group to contribute to Summer Fair planning-plan to host an eco parent network stall
- World Earth Day in April and Eco club will contribute to ideas to this and let us know the plan.
- Eco club starting on Mondays at Myrtle site- 3 children from each class to begin with. Future requests for funding for Eco clubs but nothing at the moment.
- Orchard Update - gates may be open during the fair
  - still keen for brick donations to make winding paths through the trees to make the space usable and accessible.
  - There is a QR code for raising funds but at the moment there is nothing specific. PTA to consider donating funds when a specific request is made.

**ACTION:** Eco club to attend Summer planning meeting and to update at next PTA meeting

### **Feedback From Quiz Night**

- Big thank you to Kate for running the quiz- it went down really well; those who attended loved it!
- A team was needed to plan the quiz night as there was no one to arrange the event including advertising, ordering alcohol, getting volunteers, getting tables ready, recycling etc.
- The event ran on quite late so volunteers were there until midnight cleaning up etc. Having a team would have helped this.
- Some concerns over the date- would a change in date be better/maybe a different night?

- Maybe a parent survey would help? E.g. What events would you like? What has stopped you attending? Would a bigger prize help?

**ACTION:** Helen to meet and discuss with Andy  
Liz to organise questionnaire

#### **Beginners Ball Feedback- Steve:**

- There was a narrow window between Shine finishing and ball beginning so hard to set up
- Hardly any volunteers but hoping next year, Year One parents will be more happy to help! Need volunteers to stay to tidy up too.
- There were a few complaints as some parents couldn't get in as they were late  
**ACTION-** next year to add 'remember to be on time as the gates will be shut at x o clock due to safeguarding' to the comms and to manage expectations
- Overall good feedback, everyone had a great time.
- Hard to plan as it was so close to the beginning of term so it would be good to have a week later. Send out a 'save the date' and then a big push after christmas
- Good sales!

#### **French Day**

- All went well and had enough volunteers :-)

#### **Lantern Parade**

- Had £105 donations and it went really well 😊

#### **Christmas Cards:**

- Chameleon's sister company has gone into liquidation so at the moment they have been unable to make any payments but they will make a payment as soon as possible.
- If there are potential problems we need to find an alternative company

**ACTION:** Sonia to chase up and check to see if we have a contract with them

#### **SCHOOL SPRING DISCO**

- 23rd MARCH 2023- Sonia and Charlotte organising
- **Advertising** will be sent via newsletter, facebook, Whats App etc
- **Link for tickets** will go live 6pm on Friday and reminders to be sent to reps to send to class Whats App groups Thursday or Friday
- Tickets to include drinks and a snack!
- DJ Noel booked
- Any donations for large decorations would be great-Steve has offered some donations of decorations. Jen has offered some donations of decorations.
- **Volunteer** through PTA events- will need a team who are dedicated to setting up and team dedicated to cleaning up
- **Liz** has volunteered to buy crisps and squash

**AoB:**

- End of Year treats- would be good to organise at the next meeting to get someone good in! Past ideas have included circus skills, theatre groups, ice cream, bouncy castle and is usually up to £1000
- **ACTION:** to bring ideas for next meeting

**Next Meetings:**

May Fair Planning meeting: **Thursday 30th March 2023 7:30pm**

- Fair on 20th May pm

PTA meeting: **Wednesday 19th April 2023 7:30pm**