

PTA AGM Minutes Thursday 28th September 2017

Present: Jennifer Tubbs, Wendy Clark, Deborah Corbin, Jill Johnson, Anne Derrick, Rachael Taylor, Julia Wade, Frank Gratton, Joanne Gratton, Jenny Street, Michaela Smail, Anke Collington, Kate Babington, Wendy Long, Emma Browning, Lindsay Newcombe, Jenny Manaton, Victoria Meadway, Louise Munns.

Apologies: Tammy Hilton.

The 2016 AGM minutes were approved.

Welcome to everyone & thank you for coming.

Chair Report

The PTA had a very busy year raising much needed funds for the school the events organised were Bingo nights, Quiz nights, Chilli Wagon at firework night, Christmas movie at the Rex, Stalls at school Christmas fair, Film nights at school, Book fair, Mother & Father's day gift shops, Summer fete. Money raised was spent on swimming pool upkeep, purchasing & installing the bike shelter, pupils Christmas parties & leavers gifts. We had 10 replies from the recent PTA letters sent to parents (1 more than last year!), feedback included that events enjoyed had been the film nights, Christmas fair, bingo, summer fete & gift shops. Suggestions were made for money to be spent on sports equipment & playing field. A request was also made for evening PTA meetings (which we have tried in the past) but the general feeling was afternoon meetings would be better attended. Jennifer reminded everyone that last year requests were made for Y5 & 6 to have swimming at the Purbeck school and a PTA donation for school trips. Miss Corbin explained that swimming had been tried in the past for the older children but had not worked out due to the time taken to get there and the cost of bus etc they have found having 2 hours of sports at school works much better, also it was agreed that money raised is needed for so many other things that partly funding school trips would not be the best use for it. Miss Corbin thanked all the PTA members for their hard work and how it was very appreciated by everyone at the school.

Treasurer Report

Jill agreed we had a busy and very successful year she confirmed the current amount in the PTA accounts:- Pool account: £3909.50, Main account: £8885.28 & Reserve account: £4642.60. We will need to buy a new pool cover for next

season but have enough chemicals for the winter. Jill also suggested purchasing a PA system to use at events.

Election of Committee Officers & Members

Jennifer advised the current chair, treasurer & secretary would be stepping down (although will still be active members of the PTA), she outlined what is involved for each position and asked for volunteers.

Treasurer: Jenny Street nominated by Jennifer Tubbs & seconded by Jill Johnson.

Nobody came forward for the position of chair, Joanne Gratton will consider the position of secretary.

Jennifer & Miss Corbin advised that if a chair is not found in the next 2 weeks then the PTA will be unable to continue and any events will not go ahead. They will arrange for a letter to go out to ask for any volunteers.

ICT Suite

Miss Corbin explained that the school urgently needs updated computers and Emma Browning has been helping to put some fundraising ideas together. Emma explained that £20- £30,000 will be needed there is a Talbot village trust which will consider applications for grants after you have raised 25-30% of the money needed (approx £7,000). Emma is setting up a crowd funding appeal with the help of Louise Speer and asked if the PTA account can be used so gift aid can be claimed, Jill confirmed she could set up a dedicated account for this. Also if the PTA could donate an amount to get the fund started, there are local organisations which can be approached for a donation including Lions club & Parenco. Also a scheme is running where children are given a start up amount of £5 to use to set up a money raising idea so this could be tried in the future. A fundometer will be made and displayed for parents and children to see the fundraising progress.

Goals for the year

Jennifer asked Miss Corbin what other things the school would like funding for: new playtime/lunchtime equipment (pupil governors will be asked for ideas), reading books (each class would like a box of 30 challenge reading books) – Jennifer is working through the book list to spend the £500 from the book fair and then we can work out how much is needed for any additional books. Art equipment for each classroom – an amount of £100 per class was agreed to be given for the teachers to purchase what is needed.

Fundraising ideas

No firm plans can be made until a PTA chair is found but some suggestions were made: calenders featuring photos taken by the children, tea towels designed by the children, a Stoborough bake off & recipe book (maybe a good idea for easter), teacher in jail. The children could run some stalls at the xmas fair, Rachael will try and find out if there will be fireworks at the Kings Arms this year.

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 3.15 YEAR 2 CLASSROOM