

Minutes of the Parent Teachers Association Meeting held on Tuesday 13th October 2015

Attending

Jeremy Payne (Head Teacher)
Sarah Richards (Chair)
Andy Malloch (Secretary)
Simona Boboc
Jo Rogers
Claire Constable
M. Derham
Lynda Knott

Apologies

Emma Morden
Lisa Baker
Angela Turner
Natasha Motton (Treasurer)
Carol Williams
Mr. Worthy

Minutes of previous meeting

Checked for accuracy and agreed by those present.

Matters Arising

Following an email from a concerned parent, the PTA facebook content was discussed due to a post of an event that a parent had felt was promoting Halloween celebrations and was not in keeping with a Christian School. The post related to the Monster Firework display to be held at the local community rugby club.

It was confirmed that the PTA facebook had admin in place and monitoring of content was taking place.

A discussion was held surrounding what is deemed appropriate to be on the PTA facebook page. The conclusion was that albeit St Martins is a Christian

School, it is also a community school which embraces all and strives to be inclusive of the whole community.

A policy statement is to be drafted to cover the PTA view of what is appropriate to be on the page. The PTA facebook format is to be changed from a closed group to an open facebook page accessible to all to reflect the open and inclusive nature of both the school and the PTA.

Reflection on recent PTA/School Events

School Opening and Barn Dance

A profit had been made from the Barn Dance which was well attended and very enjoyable.

The queues for the food was an issue and may need reviewing for future events.

The siting of the entertainment close to the school worked well and will be used as the blueprint for the next summer fete.

Film Night

Very successful and seemed to have been extremely enjoyable for all children who went.

The level of rubbish left on the floor was an issue and would need a notice to be given about parents and children being responsible for their own rubbish.

The dates for the next film nights were decided:

1. Nativity - 11th December 2015
2. Minions - 15th January 2016
3. T.B.C - 5th February 2016

Fundraising ideas

Christmas

Tea Towels - to be compiled by each year group and hopefully by half term in order to be ready for printing. Hoping to have them ready before the international postage deadlines for Christmas.

Carols Around the Tree - looking to have the tree before Tuesday 1st December. Enquiries to be made with Arne Nature Reserve to obtain a 30' tree and Andy looking into assistance with erecting the tree. PTA to staff a stall for Tea's, Coffee's, Hot Chocolate and mince pies.

Non uniform day and baubles for the tree for a donation of £1 to be held on Tuesday 1st December.

Christmas Lunch

Being held on the last Wednesday of term (16th December).

PTA to provide crackers and small gift for children.

Walk for Children in Need

A suggestion was made by Mrs Appleton (School Governor) regarding a walk on Sunday 1st November 2015 . After discussion it was decided that the timescale, date (half term) and logistics of organising such an event would be too much to take on considering the number of upcoming events. It was also based on the PTA role being primarily to help raise funds for the school directly.

Table Top Sale

Mr Payne looking into discussions with the Church with a view to identifying dates that the school hall could be available on a Sunday to hold a table top sale.

Future Event Planning

Mothers Day

Ideas for gifts to be sold by PTA on 2nd/3rd March to be looked into and volunteers will be needed to man the stall.

Any Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting

November 19th @ 7:30 pm