

CALOW CHURCH OF ENGLAND (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent, Teachers and Friends Association

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday 14th April 2016

Present: Mrs Sam Sherlock (Chair) Miss B Franklin Mrs E McDonald
Mr M Thacker Miss C Savage Mrs Russ
Mrs Heather Cagnasso Mr C Rolt Mrs J Oldale
Mrs Allie Harding Mrs Watkinson

1. Welcome and introductions

Sam welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mrs C Winter, Mrs Nicola Fullwood and Mrs Jenny Nightingale-Newton.

3. Matters arising

Community garden

The lottery grant has been successful. Further discussions to be held at a future meeting of the School Council.

Bingo

The event held in February was very successful. Thank you all those who attended and those who helped out on the night.

Easter disco

The Easter disco was also a success with figures showing an increase compared to the previous year. A few new parents helped out at the event and have offered their help for future events.

4. Treasurers report

Bingo night

Bingo night raised a net figure of £206.48 compared to the previous event which raised £51.81. This was felt to be mainly due to attendance numbers being up, increasing game takings and refreshments. Costs were also down.

Easter disco

145 pupils attended the disco compared to the previous year of 114. Funds raised were £470 after costs an increase on the previous year which was £334.

In future there will be two separate floats for KS1 and KS2 discos to get a better idea on how each compares.

Funds raised since September is £2562.43, less cost of Christmas books -£284.

Balance of £4443.67, less £100 deposit for the fashion show and costs for the summer fair.

It was agreed the funds would remain in the bank until there was sufficient to purchase a large piece of outdoor equipment.

5. Summer fair - Saturday 18th June 2016

Following a conversation with the local council, we do not require a temporary event notice (TEN) for the summer fair or the Christmas fair.

It has been tentatively agreed that the Master Cutler will be opening this year's event and Mr Thacker is currently awaiting confirmation on this. Other offers have also been received should he not be available.

It was agreed that Chester, Chesterfield Football Club's mascot, should also be invited back to the event as he proved very popular with the children and families at last year's Christmas fair.

A discussion took place about inviting back the organisation who provided Olaf and Minion mascots at the Christmas fair and it was agreed super heroes would be a good suggestion for the summer fair. Sam agreed to contact the company.

It was confirmed that the fire service would be attending this year's event (subject to any fire calls). Unfortunately they are unable to send the smoke tent, but will be sending an engine; this is not allowed to stand on a grassed area.

The police will be having a stall to include speed awareness information. Guide Dogs for the Blind will be in attendance and representative from the local St John Ambulance crew was also hoping to come along, but would be unable to provide a vehicle. This would be confirmed in the next two weeks.

Rebecca of Sensory Heaven has agreed to do hair chalk and nail art.

Staff agreed to look at the PE equipment to see if there were any games they could run, eg space hopper races.

There has not yet been a response from Ashgate Hospice as to whether the school would be able to borrow their wooden stocks. Sam to chase.

Mrs Watkinson reported that the school is currently working towards their bronze award for Food for Life and asked if it would be possible to have a stall. Food for Life is being held in school the week before the fair and it was suggested lemonade and growing sets the children have made during the week could be sold on the stall. It was agreed this was a great idea.

Other suggestions were to contact Ropers Bee Farm based in Sutton Scarsdale. Mrs Watkinson agreed to contact the company to discuss.

It was also suggested contacting a children's martial arts company and it was suggested contacting Marsden's as a few of the children in school attend classes there. Heather agreed to speak to them.

6. Fashion show - 25th May 2016

Allie to put together a playground poster for the fashion show to state where tickets can be obtained from etc.

Mr Thacker agreed to send out an email to parents reminding them of the event.

Staff once again kindly agreed to run the refreshments at the event.

There will be a raffle on the night to include £50 clothing vouchers. Members were also asked if they had any unwanted gifts they could donate as raffle prizes.

7. Summer disco

The date for the summer disco and year 6 leavers party was agreed as Wednesday 20th July 2016. Miss Franklin once again offered to make cakes for the year 6 pupils. Sally Martin has offered to help out with the t-shirts for the leavers' assembly.

8. School calendar

Mrs McDonald has sourced an alternative graphic designer and printer but reported there was only a small window in which they could be produced. Mrs McDonald requested a breakdown of costs for the calendar, which Heather offered to provide.

Allie to redraft the letter to parents to include a tick box and sentence stating parents are happy for their child's photograph to be taken for the purpose of the calendar. The deadline for return of orders will be Friday 20th May 2016. Calendars will remain at £6.00 each.

A number of local businesses have been approached to advertise in the calendar at a cost of £30 each.

Mrs Watkinson agreed to speak to the parents of the grandchildren of Elliotts butchers to ask if they would be interested in advertising in the calendar again.

9. Correspondance

No correspondence was tabled.

10. Any other business

Church bingo night

The Church has asked if members of the PTFA are able to help at the Church bingo fundraiser being held on Thursday 28th April 2016. Doors open at 6.00pm, eyes down at 6.30pm. Offers of help from members were noted. Sam agreed to purchase the bingo tickets and dabbers for the event.

The fashion show will be advertised on the bingo night and tickets will be available to purchase.

Staff agreed to source table coverings.

DJ for future events

As yet no parents have come forward to offer their services as a DJ for the school discos. Craig Rolt kindly offered to continue in the short term if no other offers were received. Members will continue to try and source an alternative.

11. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the PTFA will be the AGM to be held on 22nd September 2016 at 7.00pm in the school hall.