

MINUTES

Howley Grange PTA Minutes

November 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Zillah Williams at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance

Tracy Worton
Liz Cottle
Amanda Simons
Anna McSporrán
Kate Wolstencroft
Julia Cannings
Dave Guest
Sarah Coton
Glen Nicholls
Paula Bates
Jayne Montgomery
Nic Cannings - Secretary
Zoe Cilliers - Treasurer
Zillah Williams - Joint Chair
Nicki Bolton - Joint Chair
Martin James - Head
Simon Duncan - Deputy Head

Apologies

Julie Egerton
Rebecca Cobane
Dee Corser
Sue Whitehouse
Dave Hill

Welcome / Update from Family Disco

Zillah welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all volunteers for their help and support on the night of the disco, and asked for any feedback. Liz gave feedback that perhaps the length of the disco may be reviewed as it was felt that it could be reduced by 30 minutes as the children were getting tired towards the end. Additionally the use of glasses was queried, due to breakages and the potential hazard this poses. Thanks were given by Zillah to the DJ, and the PTA received thanks for leaving the hall and kitchen in a good clean state.

Outstanding Actions and approval of the Last meetings minutes

Nic circulated the minutes from the last meeting which were unanimously approved. The only outstanding action from the previous meeting was to agree upon a project for funding this year. Forest schools project remains the most likely candidate, but a final decision is still pending.

Treasurers Report

Zoe provided news that the Family Disco made a profit of £366.17 an increase of 30% overall. Money continues to be collected for both the Christmas hampers and Santa's breakfast.

Santa's Breakfast Update – Gift Wrapping Volunteers?

Santa's breakfast has currently sold 146 tickets – Nicki apologized that there may be a minor loss made this year due to a slight miscalculation on ticket prices. Volunteers were requested to help wrap the presents, a number of people said they would take home gifts following the meeting and return them to the old staff room by the end of the week. Nicki confirmed that a total of 23 volunteers would be needed on the day, and with several more offers of help she confirmed there would be sufficient. Nicki reminded those volunteering that they would need to be at school for 8.30.

Christmas Mufti-Hamper Assembly and Raffle Ticket selling volunteers

Zillah asked for volunteers to collect the donated goods for the Christmas Hamper Mufti Day. Paula volunteered to cover the Frankley Avenue entrance, Zoe and Anna volunteered to cover the front gate. Liz offered to help bring all the goods into school and to check in the classrooms afterwards with Paula. Mr James again offered the use of the old staff room to store all of the donations. Zillah is coming in to school on Monday 22nd to help sort through the donations and make up the Hampers – any volunteers to help out were welcome.

Sale of raffle tickets for the hampers began at the family disco, and will continue up until the draw made in the last week of term before Christmas. Everyone was encouraged to take a box from the staff room and sell tickets in the playground, Zoe asked for anyone who sold tickets to text and let her know the money was in school. Zillah confirmed that this year's funds raised from the Christmas Hamper raffle would be split with Children in Need.

A huge thank you to Dave Guest for donating a completed Hamper to the school which went on display, a Formal letter of thanks from the PTA will follow

Events for Next Term – Confirm the Fete Date!

Already we have been asked to consider the date for next year's Summer Fete. This has come from the head of Lapal PTA. Currently the dates being considered are the 18th and the 25th of June. After a brief show of hands and some discussion the 25th June has been chosen as this is 3 weeks after the Year 6 week away. Nicki mentioned that a Fete working party would need to be put together after January 1st.

Other events to be considered were then discussed as the floor was opened to suggestions:

Zillah voiced the option of a Christmas craft morning on the 11th December for 3 hours as a goodwill gesture for Parents wishing to do uninterrupted Christmas Shopping. This was shelved for this year on the basis that it was deemed unviable this close to Christmas, but may be worthy considering something similar next year (Easter possibly?)

Other ideas included:

Casino / Race night – Dave and Liz will provide details of their respective contacts for next time.

Zillah suggested the idea of Snail racing – Further details to follow

Beer & Skittle Night – Nicki / Dave to look into

Quiz Night: Martin Bolt has confirmed he will not be running a quiz next year.

Nic suggested the concept of a car wash – to be considered after Easter.

Any Other Business / Schedule Date of Next Meeting

Kate advised she had brought in some more material / background info on the Forest Schools Project which were circulated. An Agenda item, is to be included at the next meeting to allow for Kate to give a short presentation.

Zillah advised that the NCPTA are looking for a meeting room to accommodate 40-50 delegates and asked if it was possible for Dave to offer a room at the Golf Club (a £50 donation to the host PTA would be made by NCPTA.)

Martin mentioned the petition for Mary Stevens Hospice to secure a Lottery Grant may be circulated on Parent Mail (using a dial in phone vote allowing up to 11 calls per person)

The next PTA meeting is scheduled to be held in school on Wednesday 19th January 2011 at 7pm.

Meeting was closed at 8.05pm