

St Michael's CEP School Parent's Association

Minutes from the meeting 6th October 2015

Present: LJ, CL, SA, TW, SC, CB, SW, PW, AP

Apologies: RF, DD, NA, NB, EG

1. LJ called the meeting to order at 7.40pm.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Mr Wilson approved and signed the Minutes from the AGM on 22.9.15. These were given to CL.

3. Reports of Officers

Reports were given at the AGM last month so it was felt we will have reports at the next meeting, if applicable.

4. Reports of Event Committees

PW reported on progress of the Ball:

- Planned on Friday 12th February 2016 with up to 250 people across tables with 10 on each.
- Theme to be Fur, Fire and Ice as PW has decorations
- Held at Lyde Court who will not charge for hire but will charge for food, at a cost of approx. £35 per head, tickets to be approx. £50 per head
- There will not be as many auctions as we've had in the past
- RF has booked a band and will look into a diamond fundraiser, where a real diamond is placed amongst cubic zirconia and buyers pay for a stone each. One lucky winner will get the diamond.
- Another possible idea is a casino room
- Square boards will be available for buyers at £20 per square, with 100 squares per board. Boards are being printed now, the cost being covered by English Salvage.

5. Unfinished business from previous meeting

- Cake of the week – has started slow but has picked up as the weeks have gone by
- Cheques for classes – SC advised that the teachers are carefully thinking about what to spend their PA donation on
- CB asked where the Bags 2 School money had been paid, TW to check.
- CL asked the exact name of the school bank account, which is Bodenham St Michaels School, School Fund. CB said she was still happy to sign PA cheques.

6. New business

Apple pressing:

Wednesday 14th October. Needs volunteers to help on the day and pre-school is to be included so please encourage others to help!

Bingo:

We have been given a date to hold a bingo session at the British Legion in Leominster – 2nd December.

- £50 to be paid to the Legion for hall hire and books, volunteers needed to set up the tables on the night.
- Wear what you like day will be held on 27th November and in return children are to bring in boxes of chocolates or bottles of wine.
- SA to create flyer, LJ to organise donations letter.
- CL to ask Alexander & Duncan for a raffle prize.
- LJ advised that Gill Terry has offered us some prizes as the charity she volunteers for had a bingo night cancelled. It was agreed to give her a donation for her charity once our profit had been determined.
- SA to ask Terry Garlick if he would call for us and SW to ask Al.
- SA to advertise on Leominster Online Carboot.
- CL to look into buying dabbers to sell.

Xmas fayre:

It was decided that the scaled down Christmas Fayre would be held straight after the carol service at the church on 15th Dec. Will need buckets in reception for hamper donations, and we need to ask DM about tickets. Year 6 children to set up their stalls in the day. There will be a farmers market. It was agreed there would be a squares board for the Christmas Fayre.

Xmas disco:

The disco will be held straight after the Christmas dinner. TW to confirm when the caterers are holding Christmas dinner. DJ Larry will need to be booked.

Xmas hampers & Squares board:

See Xmas Fayre

Bags 2 School:

CL to arrange.

Big Breakfast:

It was agreed that the Big Breakfast would not be a yearly event.

Boden:

It was agreed that we had exhausted Boden evenings for now.

Suggested new ideas:

- Smarties tube and 20p idea – where children are given a tube of Smarties and once they have been eaten they fill it up with 20p pieces. PW felt this was more an idea for charity fundraising not for the PA. It was decided to use this idea for Christingle. LJ to speak to person with idea to see if they would still be happy to donate the Smarties.
- Duck race – a doable idea for Spring term. Normally this would be ‘buy a duck’ but it could be sponsored.
- Sponsored something – It was decided a sponsored bounce (on a bouncy castle, DD’s idea) to tie in with Sports Relief, 18th-20th March 2016
- Children in Need, Friday 13th Nov Hero Day – still doing penny line

- Pudding & Quiz night – to be held on Nov 5th 6 – 7.30pm. BYO drinks £5 per family to include puddings. Need letter to say it's happening & cakes wanted. TW to create quiz and kids quiz. Raffle to be organised.
- Duct tape challenge – children buy a metre of duct tape and attempt to stick the headteacher to an (outside) wall.
- Easter Bingo will be discussed nearer the time.

7. Any other business

SW mentioned DD's Christmas cards idea where children design a card which is sent off to printers. LJ to ask DD.

LJ asked all present to look at easyfundraising.org.uk – a site that earns the school money when buyers click on that site before shopping,

PW asked CL about gift aid donations. CL advised that we gift aid everything but will ask DM for clarification.

LJ showed us some Pinterest ideas; Reading scavenger hunt and a photo montage of year 6 kids with written messages on blackboards.

LJ would like to involve year 5 and 6 children in the Malvern Flower Show. This would involve the children being in a club and due to the timing (the show is in the first week of May) would probably mean the year 5s. The MFS has a separate area for schools to enter a garden, to be designed by the children. The children would grow all plants from seeds and LJ could supply pots and seeds. Deadline is soon for the MFS next year; it was decided that we would enter our school and we will discuss more if we're selected.

LJ and SW would like to recreate the Risbury Flower Show here in Bodenham next Autumn as it is a lovely old fashioned show including crafts, baking, vegetable growing and art work. Their children love creating these items which are then put out on tables, judged and prizes are awarded. CL suggested decorated wellies.

PW reminded us of a board that was suggested at the last meeting to be put out at the parents evening to advertise the PA. All thought this was a good idea. Tea and biscuits are to be offered. LJ and PW can man the stand on the nights they are there seeing teachers. Board to be organised.

Meeting closed: 9.30pm.

Date of next meeting is 10th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Gate.