

PARK GROVE PTA AG M MEETING

24th October 2017 - 7.00 pm at the Gillygate Pub

Attendees: Janet Jacobi (JJ), Mark Allison (MA), Siona Mackelworh (SM) Jon Cotton (JC), Claire Hollis (CH), Clare Palmer (CP), James Palmer (JP), Alex Gilbert (AG), Lorna Hamilton (LH)

1. Apologies

Will Gardener, Jo Sawyer, Rebecca Sleight, Gary Stoner

2. Accounts

Mark (MA) gave a report regarding last year's accounts. He confirmed that they had been checked over by Janet Jacobi and audited by Becky Romaniak. A copy will be emailed out to parents and will also be displayed on the PTA notice Board.

All those present agreed the accounts for 2016/17 were a complete and accurate record of income and expenditure during the financial year and thanked Mark for his hard work.

As a summary: £11,583.39 in income was received. £12,021.99 amount of income was expended, £6,217.29 was still in account as of 31/08/17.

The following school projects and activities were supported during the course of the year:

Theatre Royal Theatre Project

Yr 6 High Adventure Transport

EYFS/KS1 Activity: (tickets for underneath the Magic Moon)

EYFS/KS1/KS2 Activity: Foodstuffs for health and wellbeing week

Christmas Books (2016)

Christmas Lunch Crackers

KS2 Activity : Trip to Eden Camp

KS2 Activity: STEM Week materials, equipment and Breakfast

Yr 6 Leaver's Books

EYFS/KS1 Activity: Coaches for Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip

Other items:

Contribution to fencing for the Urban Buzz Garden and a 6m x 6m marquee for events

Match funding for School Council Stalls

Reimburse the school for shortfalls in 2 x trips

Contribution towards ICT equipment.

Re: the PTA paying for the shortfall in parent contributions for trips. Everyone agreed that it was a shame that this had to happen last year and the PTA funds were dipped into twice to cover these shortfalls. There were quite a few parents who had not contributed to the two trips.

Mark confirmed that the accounts were pretty similar to the last three years but the lack of Halloween Disco last year, took a bit of time to claw back that money by other fundraising events.

3. Funding Requests

There aren't any ' new' funding requests to date but that the PTA agreed to continue to support existing commitments and to encourage both teachers and parents to submit new ideas.

4. Electing Officials

Current Officials - Jon Cotton and Sioma Mackelworth chaired the meeting, Janet Jacobi - secretary and Mark Allison - Treasurer.

JC said that it is his 4th season, he has done 4 x of everything and would like to step down but will stay if none come forward. SM confirmed the same. We all identified that SM is indeed the queen of risk assessments!!

We looked at some of the roles that were required, e.g. Secretary(s), Co Chairs, Co Treasurer (so that MA can hand over in July). JJ agreed (after some persuasion) to move over to Co Chair position and JC agreed to stay on board in his role as co chair 'if Janet will come on board with me'. AG agreed to be co treasurer as she is good with spread sheets. CP and CH volunteered for the Co Secretary positions.

SM Nominated JC for Co Chair and JJ seconded it

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JC Nominated AG for Co Treasurer and CH seconded it

JP Nominated CP for Co secretary and CH seconded it

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Jon Cotton and Janet Jacobi then took over with chairing the rest of the meeting.

5. Spending

MA confirmed that the theatre project was going ahead and we discussed the benefits of this project. LH suggested that something such a music project, funded by the PTA would be a good idea as music provision is equally squeezed these days. CP also suggested art workshops too. An idea was to perhaps bolt the above onto enrichment days and stem weeks.

Possible outlets to explore are: YSJ community music students (via Catherine Birch). Other community Music/Art organisations such as Arts Barge. Self employed artists e.g. Chris Bartram.

Whiteboards

MA confirmed that £1000 was given to the school for IT. We weren't sure how the whiteboard project was progressing.

6. Upcoming Events

Halloween Cake stall - 27th October

Bag2school - 1st December

Christmas Fair - 15th December

7. Christmas Fair Planning

JC came up with the idea of a Bollywood Christmas Theme which created some excitement.

Stall interest to date: Oxfam stall (Lisa Wellington), Cakes (Me and Mrs Fisher), Shirley (Jewellery), Phoenix, Elspeth's auntie (Hair bows), School Council.

Approach Gadge about a light show (JJ/JC)

Santa and his grotto - Gary Stoner

Teddy Tombola?

Bar

Food (Curry and Dahl)

Other ideas

Henna tattoos, Festival Glitter, Bindis, Fun hair paints/chalks.

Lamps - CH knows how to make these from fast setting clay

Craft Stall - CP suggested

Decorate areas with paper lamps and saris.

A Photo booth idea

2x Bollywood dance workshops

The KS 1 Children perform some Christmas/Nativity songs like previous years.

8. Other Events/Ideas

Speedquiz - We discussed that this is the only event for parents and is an easy event to run with minimum work. Alan has now left but Phil Qua and John Leach (current parents) also run the quizzes. JJ pointed out that it was hard work selling tickets last year as quite a few ex parents came and we need current parents/new blood. New committee members thought it sounded a good event and were positive that new blood would come.

Spring Disco

100 club

Grovestock 3 - JJ said it would be good securing a date asap and then we can book things in such as donkeys. JC to find out the York Festival date held up at the sports club.

Possible dates are 7th and 14th July. JJ check with Gary (NB 14th July is after the sports days).

Grovestock 3 - sleep over/festival vibe idea.

NB, we discussed super soaker again. The idea of water bombs came up too.

9. AOB

We brain stormed other fund raising ideas e.g.

Fundraising at Sports day e.g photography and nutribullets/other refreshments for Parents to buy. Perhaps we can provide a free drink/ice pop for the children once they have finished.

Other photograph sales opportunity e.g. Individual shots of children in their nativity costumes. We chatted about some of the logistics e.g safe guarding V the time element required for 40 EYFS children and how much we would actually raise after costs etc.

Replace Ice creams with another Freezy Friday type event such as hot chocolate/flapjacks etc. (Hot Chocolate could have a health and safety issue). MA indicated that a flapjack is quite large (calorific) compared the selection of ice creams.

Nearly New Sales/Old toy sales /collections (similar to how we collect/do bag2school)

10. Future Meetings

We didn't organise any but possible dates:

Tuesday 21st November '17 - Christmas Fair Planning

Tuesday 12th December - Christmas Fair Planning

Friday 15th December - Boardroom Prep for the Christmas Fair and wrapping presents for Santa (KS 1 party - 21st Dec and KS2 party - 19th Dec).