

Minutes: Park Grove PTA Meeting

Wednesday 13 January 2021, 7.30pm

1. Present

Clare Palmer (CP), Sara Mair (SM), Susanna Cooper (SC), Lizzie Haigh (LH), Vicky Hearson (VH), Clare Willis (CW)

2. Apologies

Leonie Emmott (LE), Alex Gilbert (AG), Sophie Humphreys (SH)

3. Accounts

No update, prior to Christmas around £7,500 to £8,000.

4. Funding Requests

A. Updates on Previous Funding Requests

a. Reindeer at Christmas

Went really well and had really good feedback from that.

Kids loved making their own crackers and didn't miss the gifts in the crackers.

b. Gary's Drill

Action: Clare to email him and Vicky to talk to him about getting the drill.

B. Current Funding Requests

There are no new funding requests.

5. Fundraising

A. Update on Previous Activities

a. Virtual Bake Off

Don't know any numbers yet, but have agreed to make it an annual event (though to take place slightly earlier in the Autumn).

Post-COVID could bring in & sell bakes (e.g. Macmillan coffee morning).

b. Giving Machine

Action: Everyone will ask around to parents to see if there is interest. Will vote on this in a couple of weeks on the WhatsApp group.

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c. Advent Trail

Mixed feedback: some windows not visible, ran too long and route was too long. If we were to do it again, consider using the school windows instead (and perhaps reveal one window per day).

Or keep windows within a certain range and emphasise the need for clear display of the numbers. Another idea was to run it over a particular weekend or time period. Food for tonight.

d. Christmas Raffle

Went well; made nearly £1,400 (last year was £2,563 with the Fair).

Planning (particularly around the tickets) should be done earlier.

Clare W has uncollected prizes. **Action:** All will get these distributed.

B. Current Fundraising Activities

a. Virtual Speed Quiz

It is possible to run the quiz virtually, but will need to discuss further.

Action: Susanna to add to next meeting's agenda.

b. Bags to School

Due to COVID restrictions, have agreed to pause this for this year.

C. New Fundraising Ideas

a. Online Classes

Sara suggested putting a list of resources online on the Facebook page (classes, etc.) and Clare thought we could ask people to contribute to the page.

Clare suggested running a blog. **Action:** Clare to coordinate first blog.

Action: Vicky to ask Natalie to coordinate Twitter content with Susanna so that we can add it to our Facebook page.

b. School Merchandise

Susanna suggested school merchandise, but cannot do clothing because it goes against the non-uniform policy.

Clare W suggested a mini-home school kit (pencils, badges, etc.). **Action:** Clare W to look into possible mini-home school kit options.

c. Second Hand Sales of Christmas Jumpers

Clare W suggested a second hand sale of Christmas jumpers in the run up to Christmas.

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d. Unwanted Christmas Gifts

Clare W suggested requesting unwanted Christmas gifts for the PTA (either for use in raffles or for the PTA to sell).

Also discussed unwanted fancy dress that could be resold around Halloween or world book day. Could set up a stall post Covid.

e. Promises Auction

Vicky suggested a Promises Auction (could have a bar to accompany it). Parents each contribute an item for the auction (could include hampers).

Lizzie suggested that this could also be run online, if needed.

6. AOB

A. Video from Jo

Action: Jo to make a video for the parents (when she is ready and able to do so) and we can send it through our Facebook page.

7. Future Meeting Dates

Hold off on the date; to decide at a later date through the WhatsApp group.