

Alsager Highfields Parents and Friends Association

PFA Minutes – Thursday 24th January 2019

Attendees: Claire Donaldson, Alison Ashton, Lesley Durose, Sally Hall, Clare Micklewright, Lisa Findley, Kathryn Lindblad, Mrs Dyde, Mr Whiston, Debbie Heyes, Clive Young, Winnie Raynor, Leah Duenas, Amy Byron, Laura Whitmore, Jane Walker,

Apologies: Amanda Hulme, Kathryn Egerton-Brooks, Claire Williams, Helen Campbell-Briggs

Treasurers Report (see attached)

CM reported on the events that had been held so far and money in the bank.

In short we started the year with monies in the bank totalling £2294.33. After deductions to Cauliflower Cards of £226, and profit from the Halloween disco of £170.70, October non uniform £152.25, Christmas Fair Profit £1127.53, Christmas disco profit £183.09, junior performance raffle £212.27, and Christmas non uniform £101.20 the total in the bank is £3728.33 with cash in hand of £237.04 for future floats and purchases

Discussion was had over the low amounts being raised through non-uniform and agreement was made that it needs to be advertised more and money asked for in class

CM also had a break down on how well each of the stalls had done at the Christmas Fair and the alcohol and food stalls did the best

Recent Events

The Chair thanked everyone for their hard work over the first few months. She said that planning had gone well and there had been plenty of support in manning discos and stalls including some new parents. She highlighted that the Christmas Fair had gone extremely well, had been well organised and the layout had worked particularly well. She thanked LD for sourcing the outdoor marquee

Chair thanked Nick Speak Electricians for their generous donation of 4 lights used at the Glow disco at the total cost of £160 that have been fitted by the caretaker for on-going future use. KL to arrange for the children to write a letter of thanks

She also felt that the raffles at performances had both done well, with a generous donation to St Marys following the infant performances there

Future Events

Discussion was had around prizes and alcohol still left over from the Christmas Fair as we had an extremely generous donation of £100 to be spent on alcohol prizes that the PFA felt profit would not be maximised just putting on a raffle or tombola. The idea of a Spring Grand Raffle was discussed, with each pupil taking home a raffle book with 5 good prizes printed on them. Additional books could be requested. CD and LF to look into tickets and prizes to be discussed. It was felt that a separate Parent mail should be sent out advertising this so its not lost in the body of a newsletter

The PFA have 2 authenticated boxing gloves signed by Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury. Set up an auction for these on FB and through school. Need to have a minimum bid and a clear end date on each and if don't sell put through EBay.

The future dates in the diary were gone through and checked. The May disco date was changed due to SATS being the week before. Easter Bingo kept as 3rd April. Summer Bingo cancelled for something different

A curry social night is planned at Indian Heaven the cost is £17.50 pp with £5 being donated back to the school. AA to arrange a date

A gin night to be arranged at Honeypot. Tickets sold on a first come first served basis due to limited places. Sell tickets for £20 and this includes a full measure of gin and 4 half measures with crackers and cheese. If it goes well we can look at holding one on school premises maybe in the future.

Discuss with Honeypot the cost for any none drinkers (£5 drink and a snack) date to be confirmed with CD

Summer Fair - decision was made to trial having this on a Saturday afternoon 12 till 4 and to make it more of a family event. This allows all to attend and to make more of a community feel. The date agreed was Saturday 6th July

£1 entry or a set family price. Discussion was had over having external stalls at a cost to them of £20, food outlets that would donate an agreed percentage, fairground rides and fun activities such as tug of war, welly wanging etc. LF to find contact details of the fair ride company we have used before

JW to look at running Highfields has got Talent at the event

Look at putting together a programme of events with times so its all planned out what time certain things are taking place and to advertise out to the community.

By having a small entrance fee may stop people just hanging around in the park coming and going

Discussion was had over hiring portaloos so the school can be locked

More detail to be discussed at the next meeting

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 7th February - school disco ask for an infant and junior team. Look at what needs to be purchased

February - Curry night date tbc

Wednesday 3rd April - Easter Bingo

April - Gin Night date tbc

Thursday 16th May – school disco (changed from 9th May as week before SATS) CD to check date with DJ

Saturday 6th July - Summer Fair (12pm to 4pm)

Any other Business

A PFA Highfields School email account to be set up with access for Chair and Secretary so that there is a clear contact point. CD and LF to coordinate with the outside IT team

The PFA area of the school website to be updated. An introduction to the team from the chair to be uploaded. It was also agreed rather than sending out the minutes via parent mail that minutes to also be uploaded to the PFA area and a Parent Mail sent out saying they are there to view should people wish to

PFA agreed to part fund activity week. School to meet with Chair and Vice Chair before half term to look at the activities that school would ideally like to hold and associated costs before an amount is agreed

Discussion was had over leavers hoodies and whether should be fully funded by the PFA or continue to contribute to the leavers party. It was felt the cost was too high to fund outright. MD suggested that we contribute a proportion to the hoodies and increase the contribution to the leaver's party. A vote was held and all agreed £5 contribution per hoody and £5 contribution per pupil to the leavers party. This should be done each year.

KL and MD highlighted that under the school curriculum children should learn to play a tuned instrument. They asked for funding for 30 Glockenspiels at a total cost of just under £600 that would mean that every class could use them to meet curriculum requirements. A vote was held and was unanimous that the PFA would fund the full amount

Next Meeting Wednesday 27th February 2019, 7pm date tbc