



St Joseph's PTA
10th November 2020 -via zoom

Attending

Ruth Davies
Helen Woods
Kaye Lee
Celine Powell
Jo Healy
Jenny Congdon
Nadia Gazeley
Lorna Hayward
Anne Coonan
Mrs Reeh
Viv Wilkinson
Eva Turya
Frances Harty
Garbrielle Chateauneuf
Liz Donaghy
Fiona Fogarty
Cath Farrugia
Katrina Madden

Apologies

Rebecca Theobalds
Kiera O'Dell

Welcome

Ruth welcomed everyone to the first general meeting of the academic year. Ruth outlined the focus on the year ahead regarding fundraising and emphasised contributions, suggestions and ideas are welcome from everybody.

Minutes of the last meeting- the minutes were approved and signed by Ruth.

Treasurer's Report

- Annual Return 2020 submitted to Charity Commission following Independent Review
- PayPal account has been opened and is already in use

Income - Fundraising

- Huge thanks to Duncan Gazeley for his 10k run. Total raised is expected to be close to £1.5k once his employer has confirmed cash matching
- Second hand uniform still popular, even after summer rush, raising a further £380 this half term
- Weekly draw continuing to raise funds
- Looking ahead, income so far in November relates to Reception tea towels (costs yet to be received)
- Family quiz night also coming up in November

Expenditure

- Books purchased for school so that there are copies available for home schooling should the children be sent home. As the books were purchased from Scholastic, we were able to redeem rewards which brought this cost down to £85

Statement of assets

- Details the financial position at 31st October 2020
- We have total assets of £21k, comprised entirely of cash
- Review of cash position; remaining available to spend is just over £19k

Fundraising strategy 2020-2021

Firstly, Ruth confirmed £19,000 in the bank is committed to pay for the outdoor play equipment, we are therefore starting from scratch to raise £10000 needed for new laptops.

Mrs Reeh then spoke of how school would like the PTA fundraising money to be spent on the children over the Christmas period. School have signed up to Trafford's 'Winter Extravaganza' music concert. The cost is £1.50 per child, school would like to offer this as a gift to the children. In addition, school would like to pay for professional services to record the children's Christmas Music Concerts to provide parents with the performance on a disk. Mrs Reeh would like the PTA to cover the cost of this service. The intention is to make the disks available for sale to parents.

Ruth stated that the usual set routine of fundraising was not possible at the moment, but spoke of the importance of continuing to run fun, community events for our families.

Anne talked through the results of the survey as a starting point to fundraising ideas.

- 91% wanted to proceed with a crowd fundraising website. It was agreed to do this later in the year when the £10000 target has nearly been met. The website has already been set up and so begin at any time.
- 82% were in favour of online events, the most popular suggestion being a family quiz.

Anne commented that the ideas from the parent's survey were very similar to what we are doing. The importance of finding people who will take ownership to plan and carry out events was discussed.

Brainstorm of events for this year

- It was agreed to see how the online raffle goes with a view of organising an online auction in the new year.
- The suggestion of a social evening (adult only) was discussed. It was agreed to look at this in the new year, with suggestions being put forward such as gin tasting and companies that could provide this service. Discussion was had on whether this would work better as one big group or groups of friends to have smaller break away groups. An online website called 'air meet' will be looked into.
- The idea of a 'mums night in' with each class getting together on zoom in the new year was also suggested.
- Discussion then focused specifically on the Christmas period. Katrina agreed to take the lead on organising an online 'Carol singing' evening. An informal evening with mulled wine, karaoke, quiz and everybody dressing up in a Christmas theme. A provisional date of Thursday 17th December was agreed.
- Frances suggested a 'Christmas Online Bake Off' and has agreed to look into how it might work and take the lead.
- 'Letter to Santa' will still go ahead for the children
- Nadia to look into a specific class donating wine and chocolate for the SVP collection
- To consider asking parents to donate money to an online Christmas Fair instead of bringing in wine and chocolate.
- To hold an online Christmas raffle
- Children to participate in a Lapland walk/run sponsored event was considered

Other fundraising ideas put forward for the year were:

- A children's bingo night
- Kahoot interactive quizzes
- A Family Fortunes style quiz evening
- Scavenger hunt

- Sponsored event in school
- Children to produce class bags as a keepsake, similar to those being made by the Reception children, perhaps to tie in with Mother's Day
- A virtual balloon race

Committee succession planning

Anne tied in the fundraising ideas put forward with the need to spread the net wider in finding more people to volunteer ownership of events. Anne has worked on planning how to restructure the PTA moving forward and this will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Date of next meeting- January 2021, date TBC

AOB

Ruth passed on thanks to the PTA from the school governors.

Ruth confirmed moving forward the PTA will be using the school SIMS system for some online payments.

Toy appeal to take place on 9th December

A suggestion was made for each class to have a 'party' at the end of each month to celebrate any birthdays that month.

The collection and gifts for Mrs Taylor was again discussed. As mass has now been cancelled again, this option isn't possible at the moment. Ruth and Mrs Reeh to further discuss options.