



St Joseph's PTA
7th November 2019

Attending

Ruth Davies
Liz Donaghy
Helen Woods
Fiona Fogarty
Coreen Barker
Celine Powell
Ciara Flanagan
Nadia Gazeley
Anne Coonan
Hannah Jurkackova
Lorna Hayward
Gilbert Panjikkaran
Cath Farrugia
Pavlina Gray
Mrs Taylor

Apologies

Jenny Brochwicz-Lewinski
Helen Reddington
Cathy McBride
Gabrielle Chateauneuf

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

Treasurer's Report

Please could you refer to the Income and Expenditure Account handout;

- The periods under review since the last meeting are September and October 2019.
- The weekly draw generated income of £157 over the two periods.
- There was £115 cash banked in September that related to the coin challenge.
- £70 was raised in the two months as a result of the parent coaching sessions.
- There was £9 of commission income via 'Stampstastic' received in September.
- Subscription expenditure of £180 was paid in relation to our new Virgin money giving subscription site.
- £25 of other expenditure relates to other costs not directly related to a specific event, but used across them all eg. Stationary.

Please could you refer to the Cash Analysis page;

Total cash balance as at 31st October 2019 is £18,444. £2,000 of this balance is restricted funds therefore approximately £16,444 is available for spending.

A review of last half term's events

Although this has been a quiet half term financially, a new committee has been elected and lots of new faces and volunteers have come forward which is lovely. The new parent coffee morning was also well attended.

Planning for upcoming events

- a) The Book People Bus are confirming with Anne Coonan tomorrow whether they can still fulfill the agreement to bring the bus to school on the 15th November. Anne will update Ruth. If this date can't be upheld by the Book People a new date will be arranged. The PTA are keen to work with the Book People as they are less expensive than Scholastic. The Bus visit to school is mainly seen as a way of promoting parents to register the school when they visit the website.
- b) St Andrew's Day - an afternoon tea will take place on 29th November. Year 5 children will provide entertainment.
- c) Christmas Fair - 1st December - raffle tickets and letters have gone out and Ruth will follow up with a parentmail. Ruth has set up daytime planning meetings. The best ways to engage volunteers was discussed. An idea of trailing Nursery and Reception parents taking ownership of a specific stall will be discussed at the weekly meetings. The Fair will follow the usual format and the layout works well with the new hall extension. Labelled bins will be provided by the eco committee.

- d) Spring Dance - the date has been moved to 2nd May due to First Holy Communion taking place on 13th June. Ruth is optimistic that parents will be able to make the new date as it was previously a Bank Holiday weekend. Planning will start after Christmas.

Community Schemes Update

This remains a challenge as St Joseph's is seen as an affluent, mainstream school and therefore is not a priority. We are still waiting to hear back from Tesco and Waitrose and are also looking to apply to the One Stop. It has been a good learning curve in terms of learning tactics when applying. We are also waiting to hear back about bag packing in Tesco which would likely be in June.

The importance of raising money through Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile was discussed and will continue to be promoted. Crowd funding will be looked into later in the year.

Thanks to Anne and Nadia for all their hard work in this area.

Website Update

Anne Chinnoy has retired her role as website manager which has been taken on by Jo Healy. The new website is nearly finished and hopefully ready for Mrs Taylor to view next week. The new website is simpler and more streamlined. Thanks to Jo for working on this.

Communication: Parent survey, PTA noticeboard, Twitter

Anne and Celine continue to work on the parent survey. A PTA notice board will be purchased and a decision will be made on where to place it. Along with the new website there will be a new Twitter initiative. The PTA Twitter page is automatically linked with the school Twitter page. The school website will have a new app which will make it easy to access Tweets.

Spending Plans

Mrs Taylor stated that the school has the new ipads, they are up and running and the children are using them. A photo will be arranged to update parents on the newsletter.

Mrs Taylor has suggested the following area for future spending.

- to upgrade KS2 climbing equipment, this will cost £20,000 for the first phase

and then a further £10-12,000.

- there are also plans to lay artificial grass in the KS1 outside area.

Date and Time for next meeting

TBC

AOB

A suggestion was mentioned to Ruth regarding birthdays, rather than the children bringing in birthday sweets, instead they donate a special book to the class, this will help build up the class supply. Mrs Taylor said this will be discussed in school and thanked everyone for their feedback on the idea.

