

PTFA Minutes held on Monday 24th May 2021 at The Gallipot Inn

Present : Andy Thurman (AT) Frances Brunsdon (FB), Lou Munn (LM), Anita Emery (AE), Rachel Reid (RR), Chantel Pepperrell (CP)

93. Apologies

Emma Hart and Kerry Powell

94. Minutes of previous meeting

A thank you was made to CP for their BBQ. It requires a new hose which AT should have and CP thinks that she has the attachments for it. RR to check the gas cylinder. No other outstanding points.

95. Postmortem of Easter fundraising

All agreed that the Easter packs were a great idea and went down really well with families. £540 was taken and the profit was £304. The main expense was the sweets for the sweetie cones. There was also a query of the cost of the printing which school did for us. **Action point : RR to email Mrs F to find out what we might owe for this.** There was really good feedback from the scavenger hunt as it was something to do when you couldn't do much else due to the restrictions. The prize from Pooh Corner was greatly appreciated and the children were really excited about it. All agreed that a thank you letter should go to Pooh Corner to not only thank them for the prizes but their generous donation of £300 from the charity event that Neil undertook. **Action point : LM to look at arranging thank you letters from school along with a trip to deliver them.** She had hoped that Yr 6 might be able to go with their buddies to do this, but it was dependent on the restrictions being lifted some more and the bubbles being allowed to mix.

96. May Fair

The May Fair is being organised and is to be held on The Croft to aid with social distancing. Cat, Lex and Kay have agreed to be judges for the cakes. We have a QR code for people to check in along with forms that have been sent home to provide contact details for contact tracing. It was thought that instead of serving the tea and cake outside that it could be done in the Pavilion. This would enable us to use our own cups and plates and we wouldn't need to buy paper ones which would eat into the cost and isn't very environmentally friendly. We would also be able to use the hot urn and dishwasher. We would need to purchase new tea, coffee, sugar and squash as the ones in the shed have not been used for well over a year. Kerry has done a great job in providing some prizes for the bake-off winners. There will be some activity cards available for all and if handed in will be put in a prize draw for a free forest school trip. The sweetie cones are being made and are in the region of around 80 being ordered. **Action point : CP and FB to take over all the sundry items when we go**

through the 2nd hand clothes rail on Wednesday and put in the Pavilion ready for Friday. Action point : RR to check with Lois and LML re the decorations of the thrones.

96. Update on finances by treasurer including information on changing bank account

We have been lucky enough to have had not too much of a bashing from the normal lack of fundraising that we might expect from having no events the past year. We received a £300 donation, we raised £300 at Easter and £400 at Christmas and with the supermarket funding, the finances aren't looking too bad. The Co op has asked us if we would like to reapply, and Emma Huxtable will do this for us. There was a discussion on the change of bank account, and although most big bank accounts have charity accounts they don't have multiple signatories. CAF who we are currently with charge £8 a month having recently increased their charge from £5. It was agreed that the main criteria was to have at least 2 signatories and be easy to use. **Action point : AT to look into Unity as a possible bank for us.** It was agreed that if it was to be changed it would be a matter for the AGM. **Action point : AT to prepare accounts for sign off at next meeting.**

97. Spend for 2020/21 and wish list

The wish list and product details were circulated to the committee, and LM gave more information on the high cost item and its benefit. It was thought that the vast majority of the items were KS1 heavy and it was agreed that we would ask school to see if there is anything that would benefit KS2 or the whole school before making the decision. It was also agreed that due to the slow amount of money coming in over the last year that we would put a seal on the amount offered. **Action point : FB to email Miss Hare for some more items for the wish list.**

98. Response from sweetie bag message

The general feedback from the sweetie cones from the people that replied was that although they were happy to support us they wouldn't want sweetie bags every week but possibly mixing it up with something else. 2 parents had private messaged to say that they wouldn't be happy in supporting sweets on a weekly basis. It was also thought that success of the sweetie cones was due to the novelty and the treat factor rather than a regular occurrence. It was also felt that it wouldn't sit so well with the school's ethos of healthy eating. The profit margins might not be as big for a sweetie cone compared to a cake or ice cream sale as the parents bring these in, so there is no outlay of cost for these, and it is hoped that going forward we will be able to continue with these. There were other suggestions too that came back from the message including 100 club, quiz and movie nights, BBQ and glow disco. CP also offered a little riding as a prize and we could possibly organise an auction of favours or similar in the Autumn term. One parent also offered to make a regular donation. **Action point : FB to give parents details to AT. Action point : FB to add suggestions to next meeting's agenda.** It was also thought that we could add to the newsletter a note if anyone wanted to donate to us as an individual or as a business then to contact AT.

91. AOB

It was hoped that we can hold our annual Sports Day Social event after Sports Day as normal and a sub committee was set up of CP, FB, AE and RR. Date Wednesday 9th June 2021. We have also organised a social event for the committee and anyone else that would like to join in as a thank you on Saturday 24th July 3pm at the Kentish Horse. RR mentioned about raising funds through the return of ink cartridges, particularly now with the high level of people working from home and this could be an easy way of raising funds without too much input, similar to Rocking Horse. **Action point : FB to send a What's App to see if anyone knows of any such schemes.** The stickin stickers payment, has been coming to school, but needed to go to us. **Action point : RR to contact them to get this changed.** KP has been offered a family voucher as a prize for Godstone Farm to be used by November this year. It was thought that this could be as a prize or auction and would discuss at the Sports Day meeting.

92. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 14th July 2021