

Trinity PTA Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th January 2015, 7.30pm in the White House.

Present: Lynne Seager (Chair), Rachel Blake, Mrs Eaton-Jones (Head of Prep), Mr Burdett (Deputy Head of Prep), Marcelle Hamilton, Sally Van-Es, Emma Ross, Natalie Coen, Barb Foster

Apologies: Nova Jeffery, Clare & Chris Linnitt, Claire Entwistle, Mr Waters (Headmaster), Lydia Randall.

Matters Arising:

The Minutes of the last meeting on 28th November 2014 were approved.

Christmas Party

The Consensus was that the Christmas party was a success and raised £750 profit. Brief discussion regarding clearing up on the evening took place and suggestions of a morning after team was proposed for events, although this would not be viable for events held in the refectory.

The £5 raffle ticket was considered not very popular. Lots of smaller prizes and a strip of tickets, rather than 1 ticket was felt more value for money.

Financial update

Marcelle Hamilton updated the group as follows:

The Prep disco raised £230

The Senior disco raised £190 (the most ever been raised)

Milkshakes/cookies are averaging £22 profit p/w, whereas ice-creams were averaging £30 p/w.

50p Friday

At a recent parents forum, one parent was concerned that the milkshakes and cookies were not healthy. They suggested a fruit kebab stick. It was noted that although this would be a great idea, it would be time consuming and costly. If the parent would be willing to offer help on a weekly basis and purchase the fruit, maybe this could be trialled.

It was noted that it requires 3 parents each Friday to serve the cookies/milkshakes and is considerably more time consuming than ice-creams.

Suggestion of a cone of popcorn for 50p could be trialled. Natalie offered to liaise with Karen Holdup to ask if the PTA could borrow her popcorn machine for the movie night. If it proved popular, it was suggested the PTA could purchase a machine.

Action: Natalie Coen

Easy fundraising

There are currently 31 members and since October the PTA has raised £361.72. Rachel Blake reminded the group that if they are booking holidays with First Choice, Thomas Cook, etc or purchasing insurance etc, then it would be fantastic if they could do it via easyfundraising.

Fundraising for Prep Play Equipment

Lydia Randall is meeting Mr Webber tomorrow to progress a totaliser, which will be visible for parents/teachers to see. Phase 1 is to raise £10k (the PTA has already ring fenced £4k). Businesses will be asked if they are willing to donate.

Rachel Blake asked if the PTA was a registered charity, as it may encourage businesses to donate for potential tax benefits. It was noted that the previous PTA were hoping to set this up. Marcelle

Hamilton will liaise with Nick White (Senior Yr 7 parent) to ascertain if this took place. If not, then this will need to be established at the next AGM and a constitution formed.

Action : Marcelle Hamilton

Woodchip for monkey bars

It is understood this has not yet taken place. £1k has been ring fenced for wood chippings to be placed at the monkey bar activity frame by the indoor tennis court. It was believed the previous PTA were given woodchip free of charge. If the £1k is not required or there is money remaining after the woodchip purchase, then the remainder could be added to the prep playground fundraising appeal. Mrs EJ will place a note in the prep weekly asking if anyone has any woodchip that could be utilised.

Action: Mrs EJ

Movie Night – Fri 30th January 4-6pm

The cost is £4 per child (or £10 per family of 3 children) to include a hotdog, popcorn and a drink. There will be 3 rooms (possibly reception, prep 2 and prep 5 classrooms) with movies. Singalong frozen, Chasing Mavericks and Peabody and Sherman were suggested. Lynne Seager to confirm. Children are able to wear onesies. They will be given their drink and popcorn at 3.45, with movies commencing at 4pm. Children will then go to Oakley Hall after the movie (or during if they are restless) for their hotdogs. It was suggested parents could purchase teas/coffees at 5.30pm in Oakley Hall, prior to pick up at 6pm. Mrs EJ will liaise with boarders/senior school children to assist.

Action: Lynne Seager and Mrs EJ

Future Events

A Medieval night has been suggested for March. Lynne Seager has made enquiries to Jonty (Jack Sparrow lookalike who performs at Powderham Castle) to provide entertainment. Each entertainer is £100 and therefore there would need to be 100-150 people to make the event a success. It was suggested large banqueting tables for catering, a drawbridge for entering the Salle etc. Mr Burdett offered his tudor banners to decorate the Salle. There could possibly be a Trinity student playing a recorder or flute on arrival. It was agreed it would be a good idea, however people would need to be given ideas to make costumes simple (fancy dress optional). Maybe a local hire company could offer costumes. A baggy T-shirt with a belt was considered an easy dressing up idea.

Action: Lynne Seager and Mrs EJ to agree at date.

A Summer Party was discussed. There were 2 proposals, which will require further discussion. Firstly one suggestion was for a jazz/music picnic party in the marquee on Weds early evening on 1st July (the day before speech day) for all Trinity families. Trinity senior pupils and the year 11 band could perform and it could follow a similar format to the Rotary Club.

Alternatively there could be a joint summer party with the Teignmouth Surf life saving club on Friday evening 3rd July in the marquee. Lynne Seager to have discussions with Lou Johnson.

Family bingo was also briefly discussed and agreed a good idea, however no date was agreed. Lynne Seager to liaise with Paul Jeffery about whether it could be held at Lady's Mile.

Action: Lynne Seager

The Swim BBQ will take place on 13th June.

Any other Business

Lynne Seager has received a request from Rose Tripp regarding moving the PTA fridge out of the Salle to the storage container on Farm Lane. It is believed to be heavy and the school caretakers are apparently unable to move it. Further discussions needed to discuss best way of transporting it.

Date and time of the next meeting:

Friday 6th March 2015 at 3.30pm in Oakley Hall (Children can be supervised in clubs)