**Minutes: Arnside PTA Annual General Meeting**

**6 October 2022 16:30**

Chair: Tamlyn Gill (Retiring Co-chair with Gemma Jackson)

Present: Nick Sharp, Leanne Sharp, Jeanette Shipperd, Frances Nixon, Katie Sharp, Gemma Vincent, Ewa Miller, Sarah Miller, Natalie Hughes, Ms Topping, Ms Piper.

Apologies**:** Gemma Jackson, Lauren Denny, Paula Boughey, Lara Cowperthwaite, Mel Satterthwaite, Helen Lloyd, Charlotte Muir.

1. TG confirmed that GJ and herself would be stepping down as Co-Chairs. FN agreed to take up the role of treasurer and KS to take up the role of secretary. Chair and Vice chair remain vacant and are critical roles to ensure the future of the PTA. Discussion about continuing as a collective. Without a new Chair the PTA will be disbanded.
2. TG provided an overview of the PTA finances, spreadsheet not yet available. Year-end 31 August 2022:

* Profit from fundraising £4,700
* Expenditure £9,489

1. Discussion about lack of chair and opportunity to work together as a collaborative whilst we recruit to vacant positions.

SM to create posters/graphics

NH to run School Lottery and promote through Facebook

TG to run Christmas cards fundraiser for 2022

FN to oversee easyfundraising and Amazon smile in role as treasurer

EM to run Disco nights – discussion about providing face paints, glitter tattoos, tuck shop. Looking for a parent DJ with kit for a more authentic disco experience. Looking for ideas for games for the junior disco, such as Limbo.

1. Dates agreed:

Christmas Fair Planning meeting: Thursday 3 November 2022

Movie night: KS1 Thursday 8 December 2022

Movie night: KS2 Tuesday 13 December 2022

Christmas Fair: Friday 2 December 2022

1. Discussion about whether the Christmas fair would go ahead this year due to Chair vacancy and limited time to organise. Considered alternative options such as Christmas social or Raffle, Disco and visit from Santa. Agreed to scale back to a Christmas Social event with luxury hampers as alternative raffle prizes. NH to draft email for donations for wine/chocolates to make up hampers as prizes. EM to look at loan of Christmas decorations from David Miller. Gifts from Santa are likely to be limited/sold out by end of September, agreed on selection boxes as a simple alternative. Concerns have been raised previously about buying sustainable gifts for children, the PTA support this approach and welcome ideas and support in taking this forward for future events.
2. Mrs Sharp agreed to price up selection boxes and purchase popcorn for movie night.
3. JS brought forward ideas for further fundraising and offered to organise Joule’s sale and ‘Books for bugs’. Other ideas included nearly new sale, fashion show, ‘stampfastic’, book fairs, recycling schemes for printer cartridges and pens, camel racing and music night at the Sailing club. Issue of no volunteers to lead the PTA, write letters, take over Watts App etc to ensure actions are completed and deadlines met for events to happen. Discussion about ownership of own fundraising ideas, to take forward and plan.
4. Discussed the need to promote the PTA and all the ways in which the children have benefited from the money spent over the last year.
5. Agreed on a rebrand to ‘Friends of Arnside National School’ to be more inclusive. TG to link with SM for new logo.
6. Look at use of PTA web page on school website to communicate with a wider audience.
7. Discussed planning and publishing a calendar of events for the year ahead to encourage better engagement and support for events.
8. TG to write final letter informing of rebrand, critical vacancies and ongoing support required for the future of the PTA.
9. Big thank you to TG and GJ for all their hard work over the years.

Close 18:10