

Minutes PTA Meeting 26th Sept '18.

Present: Zainab Houghton, Gemma Jackson, Tamlyn Gill, Janene Blythe, Nicola Crossman, Jill Sweetman, Tracy Minkema, Miriam Fenelon, Lianne Sharp and Karen Morris.

1. We discussed a successful past year and officially thanked everyone involved for their much appreciated contribution. After several years on the committee Zainab stood down as chair, we thank her for all her hard work and organisation over this period.

2. We looked back at accounts from the past year and had increased the income by £1176.71 on the previous year which was great! There is currently £2076 in the account going forward.

It was confirmed by Karen Morris that no PTA money has or will be spent on the repair of the school hall floor.

It was felt to be a good idea in the run up to Christmas to send out the 'easy fundraising' letter again – Tracy will check who has the master.

The possibility of hot meals was discussed but it was explained that possibilities have been researched intensely but the costs associated with setting up and running a facility remain prohibitive. Parents also have to sign up for a year, the meals are not free and there is even talk of the government subsidy being stopped altogether, so this is unfortunately not a possibility.

We discussed linking the child led school council with the PTA in order to get the children's ideas of things that would enhance their school experience – Carla Hartropp is now running the school council and will gather the children's suggestions to bring to PTA.

Tamlyn will look into a metal collection for small and large items in Arnside. The delivery of the metal to the recycle depot would be free (except for fuel costs) and all proceeds would go to the PTA.

It was requested if, as the Christmas Craft evening was so successful previously, we would ask Abi and Helen if they would have any time to organise (with help) another one?

3. We whole heartedly welcome Gemma Jackson and Tamlyn Gill who will co-chair together from now on – Thankyou both very much for volunteering it is very much appreciated and it's great to have some fresh faces and with them new ideas to add to our activities.

Jacqueline Harrison continues as a silent Treasurer.

Tracy Minkema continues as Secretary

Nicola Crossman kindly volunteered to shadow Jill Sweetman this year in organising the School Uniforms and Leavers' Hoodies and then take them over and Charlotte Muir will shadow and take over the Scholastic magazine. They will also look into the possibility of doing individual online ordering of Uniforms rather than keeping stock.

Nicola Crossman continues to organise the Christmas cards – Dates for 2019 are: Artwork by 1st November (this will be arranged and governed by school) the shop will be open 7-14th Nov for parents to order, orders will be received back to school by 28th Nov.

4. Date of next AGM 25th Sept 2019.

5. Zainab will circulate a diary of events for future planning.

6. Up-coming events;

- School Disco 18th Oct KS1 – 5-6pm, KS2 7-8pm

- Movie Night KS1 6th Dec (KS2 in Jan)

- Christmas Fair 14th Dec

- Nativity 12th Dec – PTA to provide cakes and tea for parents

- Movie Night KS2 24th Jan

Next PTA meeting Thursday 15th Nov in order to plan and support the Christmas Fair – it would be wonderful to see as many people there as possible in order to support the new team and share the goodwill at this happy time of year.