

Corpus Christi Parents' Association

AGM Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: 11 November 2022 at 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Meeting Venue: School Staff Room and Remotely via ZOOM

In Attendance: Yashoda SUTCLIFFE, Chanelle WRAY**, Aoife NI MHORAIN**, Mo RATHORE, Michelle WRAY**, Izabela KOWZAN, Louise PLUNKETT, Blaithnaid DUFFY, Isla FAROTTO, Jackie DENNETT, Di SIMMS, Kate BORGUST, Mrs CONNERY

*** attended remotely via Zoom*

Apologies from: Jo SCOTT-NICHOLLS

1. Annual Report – Yashoda and Izabela

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Corpus Christi Parents' Association had another very challenging year due to the impact of COVID-19. It was necessary to postpone or cancel some events as a result of on-going restrictions in place due to Coronavirus.

Thanks to the support of our school and our parent community, who give their time, energy, and money to achieve our fundraising aims, we were able to run some events (including online). This has allowed us to continue to support the school at a time when public financing is stretched.

Over the past few years we have also worked to recruit a team of volunteer Class Representatives who can share information from the Committee and also provide the Committee with feedback. This approach has embedded well and we now have an excellent team of committed volunteers who are instrumental in running successful events and maintaining communications.

In 2021-2022, with restrictions still in place, we concentrated our fundraising activities on running a limited number of events that have proven popular and successful with the parents, teachers, and student bodies.

All committee members, parents, and teacher volunteers give their time free of charge and we often find that they will also donate significant other resources to support our fundraising events.

In the year ended 31 August 2022 we raised a total income of £13,600 from our events and activities. The figure was £7,200.57 in the previous financial year. We also hold a significant value of stock, as many things were purchased for events that has to be cancelled. This will reduce expenses next year as this stock will be used.

During this challenging period, the school was also forced to reduce some of the activities that the PA would normally support. Therefore, since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic there have been significantly fewer funding requests made than usual.

However, we have been able to support the school through:

- I. Leavers BBQ - £750+£139
- II. Contribution to school activities - £4000
- III. Contribution towards musical instruments and equipment - £413
- IV. Christmas Lunch Drinks for the children £38.80

Our fund-raising events this year included an online Christmas shop, Christmas advertising boards, Christmas cards and trees, and a Window Trail. We held a very successful Spring Fair, Autumn and Summer discos for the children, and a number of smaller events including sales of cakes, books and crafts.

We provided funding contributions for other 'school community' events including a Year 6 leavers' BBQ, Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, and provided drinks for the children's Christmas Lunch.

COMMITMENTS FOR 2022-2023

Annual Year Group fund £4,000

Carol Service £350 (please note - in reality PA will spend less or nothing this year as we have stock already from last year, but this is a rolling annual figure)

Leavers' barbeque £750

Instruments (such as violins) for (Year 1 and Reception) Royal Academy of Music initiative £10,000

That is a total of £14,750.

We are currently holding £11,500 – this is largely because there has not been an opportunity to fund things over the past few years.

Setting out suggestions for PA Funding – Mrs Connery

- Wet-play equipment - costing approximately £1,500
- Memorial Area - The school wish to create a Memorial for all the Corpus Christi Mums who have sadly passed away. The children have already made clay hearts to be hung in the memorial; however, the school also want to purchase a statue of Our Lady, Mary. This will either be a free-standing statue or something coming out of the wall. This will cost approximately £2,000. The

school would like to commission an artist to be involved in this process to get an idea of how it could look.

- New football kits – costing £500
- A new stage - the school have now looked and seen some nice ones, cost up to £5,000

(Suggestion by Aoife that the school provide the Committee with an image of the proposed stage)

Communicating the importance of the PA to the CC Community

It is important for the Corpus Christi parent/carers to be aware of what the PA does and what sorts of things we help to raise money for. We want parents/carers to know that we raised money for the Samba Reggae – perhaps we could do a summer show, showcasing all the instruments and, at the same time, ask for donations towards the purchase of the new stage.

Election of the new PA Committee

Yashoda – On behalf of Lara and I, we formally stand down as Chairs of the committee

The Below is the list of the new PA Committee.

Chair of Trustees	Izabela Kowzan
Treasurers	Izabela Kowzan* Louise Plunkett
Secretaries	Aoife Ni Mhorain* Chanelle Wray*
Events and Volunteers Officers	Blaithnaid Duffy* Isla Farotto Jackie Dennett* Jo Scott-Nicholls*
Events (Cake Sales)	Di Simms* Kate Borgust*

*Those who were also elected as Trustees at the AGM have a star next to their names.

It was voted unanimously that the Grants and Sponsorship officer position no longer exist.

A Chair/co-Chairs for the committee still remains vacant as no candidates were put forward on this occasion. Such a candidate would require personal confidence, experience of the school community. Izabela Kowzan indicates that she would be willing to be co-chair with another person, if that other person would agree to be 'the face' at the events, as she is now employed full-time and will be unable to attend all Corpus Christi events.

End.