

St.Mary's PTFA

Minutes May 20th 2025

Attendees: Cynthia Enniful, Obed Enniful, Amy Ingham, Jenny Merry, Annette Root, Patrick Smyth, Rebecca Welch, Jeni Wilson

Apologies: Sam Banwell, Hannah Dixon, Katy Gallery, Mel Hallatt, Kirsty Nightingale, Chloe Rogers, Jo Robinson, Margaret Rogerson, Emma Southern, Emma Sumner

Agenda Item: Attendance/Apologies (as above)

Jeni Wilson had collated reasons given for non-attendance of meetings amongst parents and proposed a variety of meeting options throughout the academic year that would hopefully provide a broader opportunity to attract a wider audience for future PTFA meetings. Those present discussed this and were particularly interested in the potential for zoom meetings, which alleviates the need for childcare.

Agenda Item: Financial Update – to follow

Agenda Item: Ladies Night

Jeni Wilson reported that sadly the proposed Ladies Night planned for June 2025 would have to be cancelled due to poor response to ticket sales. The group discussed potential reasons for this and the impact rising costs have had on this leading PTFA event. Ladies Night has raised thousands of pounds for school funds and the PTFA are very grateful to Jeni Wilson for organising this since it was first introduced in 2006. The group agreed new events should be developed to counter balance this and are open to ideas.

Agenda Item: Summer Fair

Key points for the 2025 Summer Fair were confirmed:

- Later Date - 18th July
- Earlier time slot 5-7pm
- Further details and action points are available on the Summer fair 2025 checklist.

Other points raised were:

- School has been offered the use of a candy floss stall
- It was agreed to have a lucky dip at the Summer Fair
- Plant sale – potting stall suggested
- It was agreed to explore the potential to introduce a token/voucher scheme and card reader.

Agenda Item: Any Other Business

Some great suggestions and ideas were put forward by those present and also sent in by people unable to attend, these included:

- Frozen Fridays – ice lollies are sold at the end of the day at school
- Break the rules day
- Toy library
- Colour hampers - each class or house team produce a 'colour hamper' by contributing a small item, to be raffled off
- Dads football/cricket knock out tournament by year group
- Bag collection scheme
- Uniform sale at school events
- Bingo Night at Buckshaw Hub
- Old coats rail
- Old costume rail

It was also suggested 'a good news' poster/pamphlet detailing breakdowns of PTFA expenditure would help to create wider awareness of funding projects, both achieved and ongoing.