

Minutes of St Patrick's School PTFA Meeting Thursday 24th February 2010

Attendees: Helen Eaton (HE), Sarah Taylor (ST), Letitia Bradley, Rhiannon Price, Daisy Zhu, Heidi Davenport, Rita McLoughlin

Apologies: Paul Arrowsmith, Rosemary Hawkins, Fiona Bolton-Dowling, Helen Redpath

Purpose:

The meeting was held to discuss the following items:-

- Confirm details for St Patrick's Night
- Confirm Summer fete date and theme
- Confirm cake order for St Patrick's day and Easter eggs for school
- School Update
- Set date for election of vice chair
- Any other business

Minutes

St Patrick's night

Honey Honey ABBA tribute band booked for the evening at Corsham Rugby Club. The club will be available to decorate from 4.00pm. Sarah and Letitia to organise decorations, offers of help greatly appreciated, please speak to Sarah, Letitia or Helen to find out how you can help? There will be no welcome drink on the night but nibbles will be supplied, Letitia to organise. Action – help to decorate hall and clear up afterwards needed.

There will be a raffle held during the evening to boost fundraising; tickets will also be sold on the morning of the event to those people who are unable to attend on the night. Prizes to be sourced by individuals, Helen E has some gift vouchers and a bottle of gin, Heidi Davenport has a fitness assessment and a personal training session at First Step gym with use of gym facilities, Letitia approaching Neston Farm shop for donations, Sarah has a raffle donation from Indulgence beauty salon and is also approaching local supermarket for donation of a bottle of Irish whiskey. All other offers of prizes gladly appreciated. **Action** - could class reps help with this?

The event is not a fancy dress event; however for those who wish to come in fancy dress there will be a prize for the best outfit.

A big push by all class reps to sell tickets would be greatly appreciated to make this event a success.

Summer Fete

The date for the summer fete will be Saturday 12th June time to be confirmed, the theme will be the Football World Cup, Helen Eaton to head up event. **Action** - Helen to organise a fete committee meeting, date and venue TBC.

St Patrick's Day cakes and Decorate your Easter Hat

St Patrick's Day cakes will be provided for all children. Cakes ordered from MyLoaf they will be ready for collection at 9.30am on Wednesday 17th March. **Action** - Helen E to collect and deliver to school by 10.00am.

Easter hat / bonnet competition on Monday 29th March (eggs provided by PTFA). **Action** – To be promoted in Newsletter.

School Update

The following notes are from Rita McLoughlin

Thanks to be recorded:

- a. Formal thanks to PTFA and parent body for best wishes and flowers on my return to work
- b. Sincere thanks to PTFA for support with Mr Loftus' leaving arrangements – refreshments after the celebration Mass and collection for gifts etc
- c. Thanks for organising half term disco

Chainsaw Sculpture inscription:

'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands.'
Sculpture by 'Chainsaw Mick' Burns
Art week 2009

Suggested spending

- KS1 / lower KS2 Reading scheme injection
- Sets of musical instruments for each class
- Alter / reflection areas, table cloths (hemmed cloth), request for volunteer seamstress persons in PTFA March newsletter
- Outdoor science boxes
- Further pod for trim trail
- Seating / bean bags and cushions for book corners (Yr 1 & 2)
- Welly tree for Reception class (Mrs Gilbert has catalogues in office for PTFA to look through)
- Portable / wireless headpiece microphone packs
- Wet play activities i.e. jigsaws (PTFA to put ideas forward)
- 'Sound Roadshow'
- Camcorder for drama groups

Lenten Activity event

Money raised from this event will be split between Haiti, CAFOD, Lenten Project – Sr. Stella.

Vice Chair election

The position for Vice Chair will be voted upon at the next PTFA meeting to be held on 25th March.

Any other business

Bird box with integral camera

Margret Gill has kindly researched bird box options and has information on a RSPB approved bird box. The box would be mounted on the wall outside Year 6 class room. The camera would be connected to a USB port to network images of activity in bird box to class room computer screens. The cost of the camera, computer software and USB adapter is £229. Margaret has spoken with schools IT consultant to check that this project is viable. Miss McLoughlin has agreed that the bird box can be installed.

Action – To buy and install box.

Cycle event at Castle Coomb race track

Peter Dove has booked the first Wednesday in July for this event which will be the 14th. This worked very well as an event last year and raised a lot of money. Peter and Eleanor Dove successfully organised the event last year and it was hoped that they would be happy head up this event this year.
Action – Peter and Eleanor to promote and run this event.

Next Meeting

Thursday 25th March, in school library straight after school pick up at 3.20pm. There will be a DVD for all children attending to watch. All welcome to come along and vote in the new Vice Chair.