

Friends of Our Lady of Lourdes - PTA

Minutes Thursday 2nd February 2017

Present: Vicki Stephenson (VS), Simon Commons (SC), Charly Fox (CF), Paul Beverton (PB), Marisa Nixon (MN) Mel Fane (MF) Emma Briggs (EB) Karen Cordell (KC) Rita Figueiredo (RF) Dan Goudy (DG), Tim Bryant (TB)

- **Parc Swings**
- **Events for the new term**
- **Parental involvement**
- **Living streets micro scooter**
- **Bag2school**
- **Smugglers**
- **Christmas disco**
- **A.O.B**

- **Parc Swings**

MF - Cathy has given us her clients to hold the Parc swings night in the school hall. It would be £30 a head in ticket pricing and held on the 13th May. Parc will supply the decorations and cutlery but we will need volunteers to cater for 100 - 150 people. A 9 piece swing band has been booked and will cost £750 so if we agree to this in principal we need to organise it ASAP.

Concerns were raised as the number of people that would be willing to help out there would be 3/4 volunteers from Parc. Additionally the cooking facilities are limited. Slow cookers could be used to bring in pre-cooked food. Would we be able to use refrigerators for the deserts? PB unsure. CF Would it be better to hire a venue that caters or would probably eat into the profits of the night too much.

MF we need to give Cathy a decision so do we agree in principal.
Agreed in principal.

ACTIONS: Create a sub-committee to deal with this event and arrange meeting ASAP
Look into the cost of venue hire and catering
Gets texts sent out about helping etc.
Speak to Cathy to find out how it has worked in the past.
Review at next meeting

Video Night

Instead of a Valentine's Day event it would be easier to have a film night which is always popular. We will have two separate films KS1 and KS2 both after half term. Possible ideas for films include:

Big hero six
Trolls
Jungle book
BFG

MN Trolls for KS1 would be good as its new out so fewer children would have seen it.
EB need to arrange a date when schools back on the 20th. KS1 Trolls on the 3rd March straight after school with a hot dog, popcorn and drink.

MF can't have KS2 too close so do that on the 17th?

ACTIONS Agree to KS2 film and date. Get text out after half term.

Easter Events

An Easter race was discussed but this could potentially clash with an event that the governor's are thinking of running. An Easter chocolate raffle was agreed. Parents/carers will be asked to contribute Easter eggs/chocolate to make tower stacks. Plus need separate for lactose intolerance.

MF Also need to organise a Bingo or quiz night which would be best? Quiz night was very popular before but would be good to try a bingo night. The prizes would have to come for entry.

International food night? VS Didn't prove popular at smugglers night. Could have a food trying night trying different foods from different cultures?

ACTIONS: Confirm bingo night. Further discussion required for food night. Plan to get texts out for Easter raffle mid March.

Parental input

There isn't much parental input why is that? Would class reps make a difference or would anyone be interested in doing this... MF it has been tried before and no one replied to the letters. How else could awareness of the PTA be raised. PB a stand at the parents evening perhaps handing out leaflets? Re-launch the website so all parents are aware of it. A newsletter summary of future events etc once a term which CF could co-ordinate with EB.

ACTIONS Stand at parents evening? Newsletter to be discussed. Re-launch website.

Micro Scooter

MF - we won a micro scooter and think it would make a good raffle prize for the school. After discussion about when it would be best raffled it was decided that during a walk / scoot / cycle to school week it could be put in the entrance of the school with raffle tickets available to promote cycling and scooting as it should be worth around £100.00.

Actions

Arrange during the walk to school week (dates to be confirmed)

Bag 2 School

Bag 2 school raised a good bit of money last time and would be good to do again. After discussion it was agreed the best date would be during spring end of March /April as people are clearing out the old winter and no longer fitting summer wardrobes and therefore we should get a good response during this time.

Actions: Begin making arrangements in mid march for the bags to come.

Feedback from Christmas disco

The disco made £270.00. There were some safe guarding issues with parents turning up and taking children during the KS1 disco which was prevented during the KS2 disco but not allowing parents in early. For future discos parents can't be allowed to come in and take children by not allowing any parents in.

A.OB

Rita Figueirdo's partner makes commemorative books, albums, cases, photo frames etc. Their company is called RiBraze. They have put forward the idea to make a range of goods using the school colours and logos to offer for sale to the parents with 10% of the profits being offered to school fund.

The school products would be sold under agreement of the school once a term and could include Holy Communion albums, autograph books, memory books, photo albums, boxes for albums. They are willing to sign a contract to prevent them selling the symbolled products to other schools. This idea was approved by the PTA to go to the governors.

Actions: wait to hear after the meeting with the governors.

**Meeting Closed. Next daytime meeting TBA
Next 10.15 am straight after assembly 3rd February
Thank you to all those who attended.**