Friends of Our Lady of Lourdes - PTA

Minutes Wednesday 24th January 2019 – 6pm the White Horse

Present: Vicki Stephenson (VS), Paul Beverton (PB), Si Commons (SC), Emma Briggs (EB) and Mel Fane (MF)

Apologies – Nick Fane, Sinead Nelson and Kate & Dan Goudy

1) **Events for spring term**
   Bag2school
   Outside Classroom Launch
   'Troubadour' Night
   Easter fun run
   Bingo and other suggestions

2) Finances / Expenditure update

3) Succession Planning

4) Giving Online

5) Classlist

6) A.O.B

1) Events for the Spring Term

Bag2school has been organised and already donations have been brought into school. Collection will be on Tuesday 29th

Discussions took place about events for the spring and summer terms. It was agreed to have a Bingo night in the spring term and a Quiz night in the summer term for parents and there will be a sponsored Easter fun run and Easter Eggtravaganza raffle

Dates agreed were: PTA Meeting March 6th, Bingo night Friday 29th March; Easter Fun Run 8th April, Quiz Night 24th May, Saturday 6th July - the Woodingdean carnival and the last PTA event will be the Summer Fair on Saturday 13 July

PB explained that a lot of work has been done (with the support of PTA funds) to the wildlife area to create a walk way and Eco hub and that the school were also awarded an Awards for you grant for an outdoor classroom. The school in collaboration with the PTA would like to hold an Eco Hub and Outside Class Room Launch; this will be on Wednesday 20th March 1.30PM onwards and the PTA agreed to provide and serve refreshments

PB also discussed that through the work with the Eco's he and MF had met with Nickola Susanne a local children's author and story teller. She would like to hold an evening of storytelling with

the PTA along with live music and a BBQ (referred to as Troubadour Night) this will be on Friday 26th April PM

2) Update on spending

The October statement showed the PTA bank account at £5128.62
The PTA have agreed to donate £3500 to pay the extra toward the to the Outside Learning area but to be paid in the next financial year. They also have commitments to the regular donations they make to the school to be made payable by the end of this financial year.

Action: VS / MF to give school 4 cheques totaling £1659

3) Succession Planning

This agenda item was skipped due to the lack of parents that turned up.

4) Giving Online

MF explained about an initiative that the PTA has been approached about called the charity Giving Online. They receive surplus stock from businesses and then distribute these goods to other charities and organisations (such as PTA) free of charge but we would have to pay for the transportation. We were asked if we would consider joining up with other local organisations in Brighton and then we could share the transport cost. The PTA agreed that this sounded good in principal and to look in to further.

Action: MF to register interest

5) Class list

MF also explained about another initiative called Classlist, similar to WhatsApp but in a safer and GDPR approved way. It's an app that allows you to organise PTA events and they can also introduce you to sponsors so there is the possibility of earning more funds. Again the PTA agreed that this sounded good in principal and to look in to further.

Action: MF to register interest

6) A.O.B

Meeting Closed. Next meeting Wednesday 6th March 2019 – The Whitehorse
Thank you to all those who attended.