

## Minutes of Eyam School PTA Meeting

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 8.00pm at the Mechanics Institute**

**1. Attendees** – Louise Heath, Becky Edwards, Julia Pritchard, Mrs Gilbertson, Rachel Wright, Jo Tinker, Vicky Binns

**Apologies** – Jennie Blackaby, Caroline O'Connell

Louise Heath welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Amendment to previous minutes** – LH pointed out that the previous minutes had mentioned the funds raised from the Bonfire might be used for something other than the outdoor garden area. It was clarified that this was incorrect, and that the proceeds of the Bonfire Night would, indeed, be used towards the outdoor garden area as previously discussed.

### **3. Feedback from recent events**

Cake stalls – Mrs Gilbertson raised that no parents have been volunteering to help set up or man the stall, despite asking for volunteers in the newsletter.

**Rachael Wright volunteered to be a liaison to get 2 x parent helpers for each stall.**

It was noted that the money raised by each cake stall is being wisely spent by the student council, and that this has been a good exercise for them so far. They have ordered some new playground equipment so far, and, ongoing, the profits of the cake stall will go towards buying things for the new pet, to teach the children about the ongoing costs involved in looking after animals.

Easyfundraising – Julia noted that, between October and December 2015 we received £85.18 from Easyfundraising. This takes the total to £370.70. There was again a further pledge to include this in the newsletter and encourage other parents and relatives to sign up to take advantage of this 'free money' from shopping online.

### **4. Financial position as at 09.03.16**

Julia presented the accounts to us. Further to the last meeting, £1000 has been transferred to the Bonfire Fund, taking that total to £4012.16. The balances are as follows:

⤴ Current Account -	£10,772.24
⤴ Savings (Bonfire) -	£4012.16
⤴ Total -	£14784.40

Income since last meeting:

⤴ Uniform cheques	£189.90
⤴ Phil the Bag	£71.00
⤴ Easyfundraising	<u>£85.18</u>
	£346.08

Expenditure since the last meeting as follows:

⤴ Christmas card late orders	£37.50
⤴ Petrol claim for Bonfire Night	£15.00
⤴ Uniform order	£199.60
⤴ Christmas festivities	£108.45
⤴ Ipads	£396.00
⤴ School trips -	£610.00
⤴ London	(£250)
⤴ Buxton Fire station	(£70)
⤴ Magna	(£115)
⤴ Derby	(£175)
⤴ Transfer to Bonfire account	<u>£1000.00</u>
	£2360.55

## **6. Outdoor learning space – update**

Mrs Gilbertson informed us of the progress with the outdoor area. 2 x traders have been to school to look at the area and give ideas of what could be done in the space.

**Mrs Gilbertson to continue working out what is required and obtaining quotes.**

Tyre area – 2 x quotes have been obtained for this, and both are considered reasonable.

Giant building blocks – Quotes have been obtained for these too.

**Mrs Gilbertson to continue with next stage of purchasing these after the Auction of Promises**

## **7. Proposed calendar for 2016**

Easter Children's Event – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Vicki Binns reported what would be happening at this event. It will start after lunch and end at close of school. There would be two activities, one inside, one out, for the children to do on a rotating basis, with prizes of Easter eggs for the winners, and smaller bags of mini eggs for each child.

It was noted that we still need more donations of eggs from parents and it was resolved to put another note in the newsletter to ask for these.

### Auction of Promises – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm

Rebecca Edwards updated us.

- ✧ It was agreed that any lots that come in as late entries would be included into a raffle on the night.
- ✧ Programmes would be put into school bags on the Monday before Easter
- ✧ There would be a ballot box for postal vote in the shop, Post Office, school and church centre.
- ✧ Tickets would be £5 and include a Pie & Peas supper.
- ✧ JP and RE to sell tickets in the playground.
- ✧ On arrival you would collect your number and give name, address and email address.
- ✧ Adverts would go into the Peak Advertiser and Parish News, as well as a report / article into the Peak Advertiser after the event, thanking supporters and mentioning funds raised.

### Quiz and Supper Night – June (tbc)

LH discussed this, and it was agreed that this would be put on as simply a social event. Tickets probably £10. RE agreed to source meat.

### Real ale, BBQ and rounders – tbc – possibly last Saturday of term, 4pm?

Various options were discussed around this idea. LH and RE to coordinate with Eyam Real Ale company and Eyam Hall to work out logistics of venue options. A suggestion of the last Saturday of term was raised, a teatime BBQ with a late afternoon game of rounders. **LH and RE to report back at next meeting.**

### Summer Fayre – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

It was agreed that we would put a note into the newsletter to request a team to organise the Summer Fayre this year, with help and handover available from the previous team.

### Ceilidh and Children's Ceilidh – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March

It was noted that these events, though not PTA organised, had not been mentioned in the school newsletter, so it was resolved to note them and encourage people to attend. Tickets available from Rebecca Edwards.

### Film Night

Sophie Bell was going to attend the next Great Longstone Film Night on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March and report back as to how it ran, what happened etc.

Further discussions will follow after that as to whether it is feasible to run such a thing at Eyam School.

### **8. Website update (&9. Email update)**

Jayne has asked if the PTA would be happy for her to update and change the PTA website and the Facebook page. It was agreed that the PTA were happy for her to do so.

### **10. Any other business**

#### Website – Mrs Cook

It was raised that, for people who have signed up to receive notifications from the school website when something has been added, that these appear to come from Mrs Cook. Mrs Gilbertson asked that any such things be forwarded to Lynda to remove.

#### School trips being part-funded by PTA

Mrs Gilbertson asked if the PTA were happy to continue with subsidising the school trips? It was agreed that it would be good to continue to do this, as it has meant an increase in the number of trips each child receives per year, as long as the funds are available to do so. It was noted that the funds have already been earmarked for the rest of this academic year anyway.

#### PTA Newsletter Page

Mrs Gilbertson requested that, following a PTA meeting, the main points of the meeting and details of funds spent would be forwarded to parents in the form of a separate page to be included with the newsletter email, as Jayne did last time. It was thought to be important that all parents understand where the money is being spent and how the PTA is enabling trips to happen and equipment to be bought. Also to point to future events happening.

**Jo/Jayne to produce this**

#### Sports equipment

Mrs Gilbertson asked if the PTA would be happy to provide some funds to buy new sports equipment in the near future. It was agreed the PTA would provide this.

#### Drumming workshop – summer term

Mrs Gilbertson raised that the school would like to have a whole school drumming workshop and asked if the PTA would support this financially. It was agreed to do so.

#### Commemorative 90<sup>th</sup> birthday coin

Mrs Gilbertson asked if the PTA thought the school should provide each child with a £2 coin to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. After discussion it was

thought that the children may not appreciate it and that the money might be better spent on a School Street Party to celebrate the birthday instead.

#### Dog racing

RE mentioned the possibility of a Dog Racing fundraising event. She will give more information nearer the time.

#### Orienteering

RW asked if the orienteering event should be held again in the autumn term. It was agreed that this was a great event and resolved that it ought to be held again.

#### PTA Magazine in Digital format

LH mentioned that the PTA magazine was now available in digital format and offered to email it to everyone who would like to receive it.

**The meeting closed at 10pm.**