



WOODSIDE JUNIOR SCHOOL PTA

Charity No.: 296361

Meeting Date: 22nd November 2022

Time: 20:00

Place: Zoom

Attendees

Attendees: Lindsay Dixon, Chloe Cripps, Catherine Wright, Claire Tandara, Simon Appleby, Laura Sawyer, Michelle Catanach, Mira Pitkin, Kate Reed, Kate Dinwiddy

Apologies: Kate Wagstaff, Kathryn Ferguson, Emma Taylor

Minutes from last meeting:

Nothing to pick up on

Treasury update

£6,250 in the bank but owe school £620 for Xmas cards and owe for crackers, need invoice and no confirmation about Chrome book

£475 from cards

£1067 from quiz night, but there's a Square payment to go through

£554 from disco, with some cash to come in

£256 Xmas decorations from school

Updates from events

Quiz was a success, **LD** gave thanks to those who were helping out on the night, did lots of recycling.

School disco – great success again. The kids loved it. **KD** said it was really useful to have the teachers, **CW** said it was good to line yourself up with the year group of your child, having Chloe as the constant across both teachers was good. It was clear the children loved it but be good to be a partnership between the teachers and PTA in future.

CW said multiple things complicated the spreadsheet from ClassList including children and parents having different surnames. If people buy a ticket for more than one child, their entry gets duplicated with both children's names. When people are buying a ticket, is there an option to have a tick box rather than a free text box, because people are writing lots of information in the text box, none of the responses are uniform. EG for FTF, there might be a no and comment. It took hours to work it all out. ClassList for an event always has the parent's name. In future can we have tick box instead of text box. Overengineered when on the day it didn't make much of a difference.

ACTION: think about we set up on events on ClassList in future. **CT:** everyone said it went really well, dismissal went quickly. Collect mobile phones in a box at the start.

Bag 2 School went OK. Next one is in school calendar already for February.

Wrapping Room – CC has sorted out the PTA cupboard and took donations from Entertainer to St George's, some have gone to Henry Allen. There's a load of drawers with toys from Entertainer, in the main cupboard there are men's gifts and some Christmassy bits that can be used, with some paper. There's lots of uniform gathered in there. **CC** can let everyone know where the bits are, and hopefully we can use as much as possible. **CT** is waiting to hear back from Mrs M and suggested we message her direct, 15th or 16th but 16th is Xmas Cheer. **CC:** Having a discussion with Mrs Nickless about how all children can be included, token scheme – so on ClassList they could buy a number of tokens, school would buy PTA tokens which could be allocated to the children. Need to work out how to allocate the toys are some are bigger than others. **KD:** could Xmas Cheer and Wrapping Room get rolled into one? Indoors and outdoors. Would be nice for there to be somewhere else to go. **LS:** In the past at Woodside it's never been uniform gifts, so loads of people have different presents to each other and they don't complain.

Xmas Cheer + Wrapping Room: 3.15, lights and gazebos. **KR** asked about HOZ children: If the choir are singing, they come out as a group and go back into the Hideout. **SA:** ask Mrs Green what would happen for children who are at the HOZ. If they don't bring money, they can listen to the choir. **LD** to email. Costco might be good for books, but Poundland, Home Bargains are all reasonable. There are 88 dad things, 50 child things or less. **LS:** notebooks from Card Factory, Tesco does special offers. **LD:** Sarah Higgins keen to shop, should we ask her to get 80 items for mums? Generic items work for both. **CW:** 100 items is safe. **LD:** Lucky dip, choir, food and drink, hot tea, coffee, hot chocolate, marshmallows. Got lots of cups, everyone brought cakes. **CC:** Little prizes, candy canes, England team charms, figurines, loom bands etc – 50p a go. Shredded paper. Mindfulness craft club are doing items for a stall too. Name a teddy stall at Xmas cheer – toy dolphin or teddy.

Children's gift from PTA – CW: when do we want this to be ready? All the children have a Christmas decoration with their name on from Etsy, from a Ukrainian company in Kyiv. Monday 19th. Already paid for £256.

Xmas jumper day – 16th. No action required from PTA

Foodbank Collection – Monday 28th Nov, on ClassList and in Friday newsletter.

Second hand uniform at Xmas Cheer event as a stall? **CC:** speak to Paula and Vicky to see if they're willing to do it.

Hamper raffle – tie to parents' evening. Valentine's Day?

Daily Mile track – official opening will be in the New Year now – **CT:** Julie Harrison is getting excited about doing different events after the cross country.

ClassList – LD: need to remind people that if you've had a child leave, make sure you register the younger one. **CW** to make a flier, an idiot's guide. **Mira:** There was an uptick in parents registering in Yr3. **CW:** need to people to understand why they should be on it and that it's not information sharing, just to sign up for events, pay for events and know what's going on in the school calendar.

Easy Fundraising or Giving Machine – fundraising through retailers – if you go on Easy Fundraising and then go onto a website, you can get them to donate to Woodside. **CC:** has login details from Amazon Smile, it may be worth having a refresher, so people know to do it. **Mira** to check with Laura if it comes into the bank account. **CC:** It was put in the first PTA letter, Xmas is a good time to refresh people, to send info to **CW.** **CW:** Flier would be simple to put together with links and sent out

regularly. **Mira:** Is there an Amazon wishlist for the school? **CC:** Happy to create one and show teachers how to put things on.

Mira – organising match funding through work

Next meeting – January 17th – venue TBD