

St Margaret's Primary School Parents Teacher Association

Session 2017 – 2018

Meeting Monday 23rd April 2018

Welcome: The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

Attended by: Catriona Currie (CC), Gordon Lawless (GL), Lisa Duncan (LD), Alison Drackford (AD), Yvonne Stuart (YS), Lee Conway (LC), Sara Louise Johnson (SLJ), Louise Simpson (LS), Ann Bateman (AB) Head Teacher, Stacey Collier-West (SCW)

Apologies: Amanda Rennie (AR), Lynsey Simpson (LynS), Stacey McAlister (SMc), Louise Hunter (LH),

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of meeting dated 5th March were proposed by AD and seconded by LD

Financial Overview (AD)

AD reported that the Bingo night raised a net profit of £703.69. AD noted that we had bought the Bingo machine which served us well. Thanks to the dress down day, the prizes for the bingo night were excellent.

The account is still sitting with a substantial amount in the bank account, however we know the playground equipment payment has yet to be made.

AD is still trying to complete the electronic banking set up for YS and LD

115 Club Draw

The 115 club draw was made. Results are...

(numbers are accurate ... but apologies if any of the names are not spelt correctly)

Prize winners... 1st = £30 2nd = £15 3rd = £15

April – 1st prize ... 16 – Lesley Rankin
2nd prize ... 76 – Nicola Welsh
3rd prize ... 90 – Lee Robertson

Activities

- Dress Down Day – great success and as stated above, generated all the prizes for the Bingo night
- Bingo Night – another great night. The new bingo machine worked well. We will consider having a second bingo night in September and consider giving preference to those that missed out this time round.

Future Activities

- Summer Raffle
 - CC stated that we need more prizes. All to push again for more prizes and we will send out emails to various groups (PTA, school year groups etc)
 - Bag drop will happen after the school holiday. YS will do the bag drop
 - We will try and organise a slot to sell tickets at the Howgate (no update)
- Crazy Hair Day
 - All agreed that a fun Crazy Hair Day would be good
 - Agreed a date of Thursday 21st June as Crazy Hair Day

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- Summer Disco(s)
 - The Summer school disco will go ahead on 22nd June. The first session will include the nursery children as per previous years
 - The P7 Leavers disco will go ahead on 27th June, 6pm to 8pm. GL will inform the DJ that he will get both payments at the first disco
 - GL to confirm both discos with the DJ

Newsletter Update (CC)

CC reported the Newsletter had been sent recently. Next one planned for June.

Social Convenor Updates

LS will verify the Summer Disco dates and the date of the next meeting, 4th June

Schools Update

AB stated that there had been an issue with the planned installation of the chute in the playground. The model selected would have needed excavation work into the side of the hill. This would not be possible. SLJ described the new choice of 2 chutes that would be installed close to the muga and new climbing frames. There is no installation date, but the school is chasing for as soon as possible.

SLJ had spotted a great deal online for some new outdoor games in support of the loose play (Connect 4, Jenga etc). The PTA agreed to fund the purchase and reimburse SLJ

SCW shared details of the iBike events that the school. The sessions are supported by some teaching staff, but the goal is to have some parent helpers too. The parent helpers are offered training session to allow them to support the events. Training is to be held around 3:30pm to 5:30pm on 8th and 10th of May and 14th and 17th May. PTA agreed to send out details and try and get some parent helpers.

CC asked if the P1 Induction will be supported by the PTA. The school agreed the PTA presentation and packs are required and will inform the PTA on the date and timing of the P1 Induction.

Correspondence (secretary)

No new update on access to the School Web site.

AOCB

LD asked if the school had ever run the banking scheme that some other schools run. AB reported that they never have as it tends to be a lot of effort

CC announced that she will be stepping down as Social Secretary to focus on her studies and training. CC will continue to be a PTA member.

LD asked if the PTA support is needed for the P7 yearbooks. AB reported they are in hand in terms of creation and printing and yes, the PTA financial support is welcome. PTA agreed to cover the costs. (estimate of around £300)

YS described a rotary club (Alloa) event based on sponsorship for a hill walk up Nevi hill. The event is on 2nd June and the structure is for willing parents and pupil to commit to the walk and gain sponsorship. The Rotary club retain the gift aid from all sponsorship and the PTA would keep the rest. PTA agreed to note interest but need to make it clear, the Parents are responsible for the pupil while doing the walk. YS will do a bag drop next week to gauge interest.

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YS asked if we had a Bags2School collection coming soon. GL reported that we had missed March this year and there were no other collections planned. PTA agreed to leave this until after the summer holidays.

Date of next meeting – 4th June Start at 7pm.

Meeting was closed at 8.10pm