

# TRINITY SCHOOL PTA

## MINUTES OF PTA MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2010

**Present:** Michelle Keay, Rosemary Kearney, Louise Greenwood, Melanie Waterworth, Zoe Lewis, Ruth Waters, Nathalie Chenery, Natasha Waggett, Anne Seaborne, Claire Troughton, Garry Troughton, Susan Eastwood, Lawrence Coen, Lou Johnson, Jacqui Jones

**Apologies:** None

**Matters Arising from Minutes of 22nd September 2010:** A huge thank you to all who helped at, donated prizes to and supported the Mexican Quiz night, which was a great success and raised about £1,100. This money will be kept by as an outdoor learning fund, because the Forest Classroom is only at the planning stage and may be a long way off yet.

**Correspondence:** Various funding requests which will be discussed at our next funding meeting on 8th Feb.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen Morton has resigned as treasurer, therefore *Natasha Waggett* was elected as the new treasurer, nominated by Lou Johnson and seconded by Zoe Lewis, who has also offered her assistance to Natasha.

**Funding Requests:** Nursery enquired whether we would consider funding some soft play equipment for them, before they get any pricing done. It was agreed that this would be considered at the next funding meeting, so they should go ahead and get some prices. The senior library has now obtained the TV they wanted, without PTA assistance. It is used to help entertain the children at prep supper club. A further request has now been received, to purchase spindles for the balcony and enable it to be used effectively, to provide more library space. A request was also received from Julia Bryant in the senior department for £40 to buy some more yoga mats. All these requests will be discussed on February 8th.

### **Forthcoming Events:**

**Prep Christmas Disco - Friday 3rd December - 3.30 - 5.30pm, cost £1.50 on the door** - *Natasha Waggett* has spoken to Dom who has agreed to be the DJ. *Natasha* will also put up a rota and do the stock take and shopping with *Louise Greenwood*. *Nathalie Chenery* passed around the risk assessment, letter and poster which she has done. She will liaise with Mr Hargood regarding the risk assessment. *Nathalie* will also prepare a poster requesting cake donations for the event, as these were a huge success last time. *Lou Johnson* will check whether we can use year 1 classroom for access from Oakley Hall and to sell the sweets and cakes to the children, which should be easier than in the hall and year 3 classroom for teas and coffees. We will also need helpers in Oakley Hall to supervise there.

**Senior Disco - Monday 13th December - 7.30 - 10.30pm, tickets £4.00** - *Jacqui Jones* has booked Enigma and sent out letters and put up posters for this event. *Jacqui* will also obtain an updated risk assessment from Enigma and do our risk assessment, then forward the relevant information to Ray Elliott, the safety officer. *Lawrence Coen* will see if he can organise for the boarders to go as a boarding trip and arrange minibuses accordingly. He will also provide a list of students so that we can check them off as we sell the tickets. *Jacqui Jones* and *Susan Eastwood* will sell tickets outside the refectory on Weds 1st and Thurs 2nd December. The disco is open to children in years 7 to 11 and they are allowed to buy a ticket for one guest each, in the same age range. All ticket purchases must be accompanied by a permission slip from the letter which was sent out. *Natasha Waggett* will see if she can get us a discount on the nightclub cost, as the event was heavily subsidised by the PTA last year. *Rosemary Kearney*, *Melanie Waterworth*, *Nathalie Chenery* and *Jacqui Jones* will be at Enigma on the night.

**Burns Night - Friday 28th January** - *Lou Johnson* will liaise with Steven Rowe to sort out the arrangements for this, including booking someone to play the bagpipes. *Ruth Waters* will organise a letter, which will need to go out later this term. Keep the date free, more information will follow. *Jacqui Jones* will contact Paul Fellows regarding the bar licence.

### **Future Events:**

**Craft Workshops for Parents** - no further information yet.

**Bingo Evening - Easter** - this was mentioned again and it was agreed that it was a good idea, but needs further planning next term.

**Den Fete** - no further information yet.

**Swim BBQ** - mentioned, but no date yet agreed.

**Picnic in the Marquee - Friday 8th July** - After much discussion and debate about how to keep the costs down to make ticket prices bearable, it was decided that we should do a 'bring your own picnic' event, with prize for the best dressed table! This could be a fantastic evening, where people can go to town on their table and include fancy dress for themselves if they wish. The theme suggested so far was 'decades.' Patrick Cairns' band has been provisionally booked. The cost of tickets was suggested at £10 per head. To make the event a good fundraiser, it was suggested that we provide a bar and discourage people from bringing their own drinks. **Zoe Lewis** offered to sell tickets and ensure that people could join others to make a table if they were coming on their own. **Anne Seaborne** offered to try to get some sponsorship for the band to help keep costs down.

**Horsing Evening** - May be worth considering as a future event.

**Any Other Business:** PTA link on school website - **Jacqui Jones** will forward the minutes to Ian Ashelford for the website and email a funding request form to nursery.

Thanks again to Steve Rowe and his team for the lovely spread of sandwiches, fruit and biscuits, to go with our teas and coffees, at tonight's meeting. They were much appreciated.

### **Date of Next Meetings:**

**Tuesday 11th January - 7.30pm in the White House Meeting Room**

**Tuesday 8th February - 7.30pm in the White House Meeting Room - Funding meeting**

**Tuesday 22nd March - 7.30pm in the White House Meeting Room**

**Tuesday 17th May - 7.30pm in the White House Meeting Room - Funding meeting**

**Tuesday 21st June - 7.30pm in the White House Meeting Room**

The meeting room is a newly decorated facility within the school, which you will find up stairs next to the main school offices, in the White House. As you go upstairs, the meeting room is on the half landing in front of you. If anyone knows of a person who would like to attend the meeting but would find the stairs difficult, please let Lou Johnson know at [loumjohnson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:loumjohnson@yahoo.co.uk), so that we can change the venue.

Please remember that all teachers and parents are welcome to join any meeting or event. Just come along, please don't be shy. It's a great way to meet people and to be involved in your children's school life.