

TRINITY SCHOOL PTA

MINUTES OF PTA MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2011

Present: Louise Greenwood, Rosemary Kearney, Alan Webber (for Eve Walters), Lou Johnson, Susan Eastwood, Tim Waters, Jacqui Jones, Garry Troughton, Natasha Waggett, Zoë Lewis

Apologies: Michelle Keay, Julie Bayliss, Mo Waterworth, Claire Troughton, Lawrence Coen

Matters Arising from Minutes of 11th January 2011: It was agreed that the Burns Night was a huge success and should be repeated, either next year or the following year. A profit of over £300 was raised. Thank you to all who helped with and supported the event.

Correspondence: Funding requests, as below.

Treasurer's Report: Our current bank balance is approximately £3,200.

Funding Requests: Darrell Jones requested funding towards a "Singtastic" science and music project, aimed at students in years 7 and 8. **£45.00 was requested and agreed.**

Julia Bryant requested funding to buy 5 more yoga mats, for use by 6th form and boarders, though the rest of the school is welcome to borrow them. **£40.00 was requested and agreed.**

Steve Rowe requested £450 to buy a computer with fast graphics and plenty of RAM to power the display board in the red corridor, to promote healthy eating to the lunch queue and inform them of changes to the day's catering proceedings. Tim Waters said that he would check whether there are any computers meeting this specification in the school already, which are not being used to full capacity and could be swapped to provide the necessary facilities for Steve. **The request was put on hold for now.**

Liz Saunders requested funding to assist with the £884.88 required to purchase some seating for the story corner in nursery. They are doing some fund-raising themselves. **£400 was agreed.**

Mark Asher requested £100 for some team building equipment (planks, barrels, etc) for 6th form/key stage 4. This would be useful for leadership training. Rosemary Kearney offered to donate plenty of large barrels. **£100 was agreed.**

Lawrence Coen requested a portable microphone system, which would be useful for PTA events but could also be used for several school events. Alan Webber has used a good system and offered to bring it in to demonstrate and to find out how much it cost. Tim Waters said that the school should also check that there isn't a similar system hidden in any cupboards. **It was agreed that a portable sound system was a good idea, so costings will be looked in to.**

The request from Nina Shears was shelved for now, as the future of the library is under discussion at the management meetings.

Dee Godden asked if anyone has a spotlight which could be used for the prep camera club. It was suggested that there may be some spotlights within the school drama department, but ***if anybody has any spare spotlights or any other photography equipment which they would like to donate, please feel free to contact the prep department to let Dee know.***

There were funding requests from the prep department which were not seen tonight as the requests now need to be seen by senior management before coming to the PTA funding meeting and this caused some confusion. The idea of this is that the school can intervene if the request can be fulfilled in some other way by the school, rather than wasting resources. We will discuss the prep funding requests at the next meeting in May.

There was mention about possibly providing an outdoor assault course if we are unable to proceed at present with an outdoor classroom, but this was not discussed at length.

Forthcoming Events:

AGM - Tuesday 22nd March - White House Meeting Room - 7.30pm - The AGM letter was sent out, but there have been problems with people opening the attachment on their Iphones. **Jacqui Jones** will ask Charlotte to resend the email. In the meantime, the letter can be accessed on the PTA link of the school website. Lou Johnson has booked the room and asked Steve Rowe to provide wine and cheese

Bingo Evening - Friday 8th April - 3.30 - 5.00pm - It was decided that this would be a good Easter event for parents and children. *Natasha Waggett and Zoe Lewis* will look in to organising this event. *We would appreciate lots of Easter Egg donations to use as prizes.*

Future Events:

Swim BBQ - Saturday June 18th - pool 2.00 - 4.00pm, BBQ to continue until 6.00pm - £3.00 entry per child, adults free - *Natasha Waggett* will see if Mel Walker or Dom are able to lifeguard the event. *Jacqui Jones* will organise the risk assessment. *Rosemary Kearney* will sort out sausages and *Rosemary and Natasha* will price up burgers. *Lou Johnson* will look into the possibility of the swing band and contact a bouncy castle company.

Den Fete - A management meeting next week should set the date, but we're looking at some time in the last two weeks of June..

Hog Roast and Music in the Marquee - Friday 8th July - £20.00 per ticket - Lou Johnson has been looking at Hog Roast prices, which have risen since previously investigated and are now about £700 for 200 people (including 10% vegetarian option). This includes rolls, stuffing and apple sauce. Steve Rowe will provide salads and a pudding selection for about £360, the band will cost £500. *Lou Johnson* will check what time the band will need to finish, due to neighbourhood noise problems. An on-line ticket booking service was mentioned, which will cost the PTA £1.00 per transaction, but should be worth doing to save confusion and make ticket purchases easier. *Zoe Lewis* will provide more information on this system and set it up. *Paul Fellows* is organising the drinks licence. *Lou Johnson* is sorting out lighting and electricity. *Tim Waters* is checking how many chairs the school can provide. *Nathalie Chenery* is preparing the risk assessment. *We are looking for some good quality prizes to auction at the Hog Roast, so if you have any that you'd like to donate, please get in touch with Lou Johnson at loumjohnson@yahoo.co.uk*

Craft Workshops for Parents - no further information yet.

Horseracing Evening - *Tim Waters* will check what the governors think about the moral issue of this event.

PTA Drinks Evening - date to be agreed. *Lou Johnson* will discuss a date with Paul Fellows when we could arrange a PTA drinks evening at the Blue Anchor.

School Pool Use - to be discussed further

Any Other Business: Lou Johnson will send an email to Jinx and Carol to ensure that Prep staff are aware of the upcoming events, as there was a complaint that felt they were not invited to the Burns Night.

Date of Next Meetings:

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

Thursday 19th May - 7.30pm in the White House Meeting Room (please note date change)

Tuesday 21st June - 7.30pm in the White House Meeting Room - Funding (please note date change)

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, 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.