

MINUTES OF THE PTA MEETING HELD 28-04-09
AT THE RAILWAY

PRESENT Jacqui Mayvers, Sharon Marshall, Maddi Heslop, Tamzin O'Neill, Luli Johnstone, Francine Judge, Sarah Slade, Deena Bousie, Vanessa Willison-Pirie, Vicky Smith, Lucy Phelps, Rachel Minshall, Kirsty Wicks, Janine Gray.

APOLOGIES Tracy Miles, Amanda Jackson, Maria Brown.

Vanessa opened the meeting by welcoming the new head teacher of LAMPS, Mrs. Lucy Phelps.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING These were read and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT Sarah provided details of all financial transactions since the last meeting. Final donations for Mr. Barlow was £367.50 and this was made up to £400 by the PTA. Staff and governors donations were £200. The Easter raffle made a profit of £57.12 from ticket sales and the competition. The £5,245.33 in the deposit bond account was re-invested for another 3 months. Interest in the last 3 months was only £12.00 but this is due to the extremely low interest rates of late. Currents figures for the PTA funds are – Current account £1,500.00, Deposit bond as above and the Savings account £2,223.87 giving a total of £8,969.20. Sarah also informed us that Mrs.Burns (lottery collector) is giving up her round by the green and the church. It was decided to ask Mrs.stretch, Mrs. Struckman or Mrs. Jackson if they would be willing to take this on.

MRS.PHELPS WISH LIST Mrs.Phelps asked on behalf of Mrs. Hoekstra if the PTA would be willing to fund new instruments. It was agreed that Mrs.Hoekstra should provide a list with costings but it was agreed in principle that funding would be provided. It was agreed to start providing music bags for year 3 in September.

WORLD BOOK DAY There has been a good response to this event and Mrs. Simpson is in the process of drawing up a list and a rota of volunteers. It was suggested that a better time would be just before the end of the school day when it was already story time.

INSIDE OUT FOOTBALL Mrs.Phelps suggested that a good time for this fundraiser would be during National Sports Week (29-06-09 till 3-07-09). She will check the diary for a suitable date.

PLANT SALE 16TH May at 10am till noon. All plants are here and potted up and residing with Sandra and Mrs.Smith. Any more plants can be stored with Luli. The terracotta pots will need potting up in about a week.

A letter will be sent out requesting cakes for the stall. We will ask Stuart Heslop for help transporting the plants to the hall the night before. A list will be circulated for volunteers to help with setting up and on the day (to be there at 9am). The children will be running various stalls (Mrs.Phelps and Vicky to organise).

Janine will organise the signs for the roads. Vicky will display one outside her house in time for all the people coming by the week before the Keswick to Barrow. Vanessa distributed posters to everyone and she will contact Bay Radio, Radio Cumbria and the Evening Mail to organise an ad. Neil will be contacted to ask him to advertise on the school website.

TALENT SHOW Vanessa addressed the negative comments that had followed the Talent Show and hoped that everyone could now look to the future. Generally, it was agreed that it had been an excellent night although a steep learning curve for everyone involved in the organisation. Scott has videoed the event and this will be available soon for general viewing. Following the very many

positive comments, it is likely that this may become an annual event. Thankyou letters will be sent to Dowdales (loan and setting up of the lighting system), Stringers (Barlow's Brain Busting Booze), Kerry (Vanessa's sister), Stuart Heslop (trailer transport of lighting system, church screens, stage etc), Mark Thompson and Colin Jacques (for their invaluable help).

It was agreed that next time the event should be done earlier in the term and not conflict with the gymnastics competition.

When all permission slips have been returned, photos of the event will be displayed on the school web site.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS The Buccleuch Hall needs to be booked for the plant sale and also for the BBQ on 10th July. The bill had been received from them for the night of the Talent Show.

BBQ – we will let people know to bring a rug/deckchair etc. Vanessa has written to the residents association asking them re the stewarding of the event and the possible closure of the road between the Hall and the Green. She will chase up their response to this and also the availability of the mini railway. Maddi will write to Jack Smith of the Parish Council to ask permission to use the village Green. Vanessa will organise to change of date on the licence to serve beer. It was agreed to charge about £1.50 a pint. So far we have booked a bouncy castle, pitch and putt and the casualty tent.

Uniform Officer – Janine will take on this role. Deena reported very good results from the sample uniform on the wash and wear trial, but as we currently have a large stock pile at present we will leave the new uniform until next year.

Rachel Minshall is the **new Lottery Officer**. She suggested that the school could produce it's own newsletter sponsored by businesses from people in the village. It was suggested that this could be something with input from the school council with Rachel as the co-ordinator and have a link from the school website.

Janine requested that the PTA fund the purchase of a **wormery** for the school to help with compost for the garden and this was agreed. She also asked about an outside tap for use in the school garden. Sarah's husband (plumber) will be asked if he can look at the possibility of this.

Swimming Gala – It was suggested that the PTA might fund an hours training at Dalton Leisure Pool for those children involved in the Gala. It has already been booked for 6th May 2.15-3.15.

Kirsty said she would check out the availability of Ulverston pool where the Gala is to be held and see if there were any evening sessions possible and let Janine know.

School Choir – Vanessa would like to continue with the school choir if there is a suitable time for practice, possibly on a Wednesday after school.

Texting Service – It was suggested that the school might employ a texting service for parents of children involved in after school activities when weather conditions are questionable. There are packages available for this and it was agreed that it was a possibility to consider.

Generation Green – This is a free scheme sponsored by British Gas that schools can enter and earn points for items such as light bulbs, solar panels and wind turbines etc!!! Vanessa will get more information on this.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING **Tuesday 9th June**