

ST VINCENTS PTA MINUTES

THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2008

Present; Mrs Davies (school rep), Steve Martin, Sean McGhee, Mary Johnson, Nicola Jones, Helen Wickham, Maria Cooper

Apologies – Victoria Williams, Hazel Kirkland, Claire Sawyer

Minutes of Last Meeting – Circulated to all school following last meeting, copy also at school. Since last meeting new trustees appointed, Steve Martin, Maria Cooper, existing trustees Nicola Jones and Sean McGhee.

Funds – Claire not present. Nicola requires copy of the audited accounts for last year, and needs the audited accounts for this year. Next year turnover is likely to be below £10k due to school now running school uniform sales, if this is the case then audited accounts will then not be needed for the charities commission annual return, a simple statement of accounts for the year will be required. [Note £3k now received from proceeds of Summer Ball thanks to all who helped run the event and those who enjoyed attending!]

Major Items for Funding – Nicola and Claire held meeting with Mrs Moores a few weeks ago and it was proposed that the PTA would fund 3 main items;

New playground equipment and new shed to put the equipment into. There are plenty of catalogues in school to choose equipment from and Helen W will explore price for trim trail.

Reading Books – school are very keen to buy a few sets of books which are aimed at the reluctant reader, books are quite modern and have already been shown to some of the children who have responded very enthusiastically. Books come along with cd rom which can be used on white board to enhance the reading experience. The approximate cost of the books is £700.00 to cover book for a number of the school years.

Artis – School already provide Artis for the juniors, it is suggested that the PTA fund Artis for the younger children (infants). This has the added benefit of freeing up class teacher time which will not need to be further funded.

General agreement from members present for all the above suggestions, Mrs Moores to advise on cost for Artis and Reading Books and then we can establish an amount available for the playground equipment scheme.

Book Donations to School – As discussed at previous meeting, Mrs Davies to check with Mrs Moore Tues 2nd Dec or Wed 3rd Dec. as date for parents to bring in any used books that they wish to donate to the school library.

Recent Events –

Family Event – Good turn out, lots of positive feedback with parents stating how they specifically enjoyed the family events and how we should do more. Discussion about possibly running bingo/beetle drive sometime after Feb half term. We got back our £50 deposit from Shaw Heath (as school venue used instead) and have also been promised Shaw Heath Club as a free venue for school events in the future.

Forthcoming events – Mums Night out – forms for tickets have gone out to parents today, and very positive comments made on the great design of the flier, very snazzy! Need to check ticket sales mid next week and if not all sold perhaps need to ask class reps to try and sell more. Maximum number of tickets required to be sold is 70.

School Disco – After discussion with Mrs Davies it was decided that Fri 12th December would probably not be an ideal date to hold this event. Mrs Davies to check with Mrs Moores whether we could use school hall on Friday 9th January instead. Helen has been in contact with Kirsty from Dusty Dreams and she is willing to entertain the children and has given a quote of £190.00, this cover the 2 sessions; infants from 5pm – 6.30pm and juniors from 7pm to 8.30pm she will entertain them for 45mins, children will then have a break for 30 mins for refreshments and she will then entertain for the last 30mins. Agreed to book Kirsty and Helen will speak to her about new date. Ticket price agreed at £2 per child. Mary to speak with Pizza Express to see if they will deliver pizzas for us on the night, will request if they can supply at less than £5 per simple pizza.

100 Club – November Draw

73 – John Selby

119 – Ruth Carr

AOB – Mrs Davies to check with Mrs Rimmer whether ice creams are required for the Xmas Party on last day of term, if so could she please contact Helen, who will organise supply.

Date of Next Meeting – Wed 3rd December – 7.30pm Legh Arms.