



Dorin Park PTA Meeting

Wednesday 20th January 2021

Minutes

Time and Location

Zoom – 7.30pm

Present

Amanda Hartley, Lesley Body, Karen Nash, Lisa Robertshaw, Nicole Luijtenburg, Gillian Driscoll, Helen Muggleton, Naomi Cowley, Jamie Hartley, Lucy Lee, Sarah Adam, Maxine Nevitt, Bridget Aldridge, Graham Davies.

Apologies

Kate Francis, Amanda Glennon, Amanda East.

Vacancies

Role for the secretary post was raised by Amanda – No nominations.

Actions from previous meeting

- Maxine – Notice Board Request – Completed and up in the lobby
- Amanda and Jay – Collection box to be put at Hope Farm Co-op shop – Completed
- Maxine – To obtain prices for PTA to sponsor football kits – this was decided to be left until after COVID restrictions are lifted – Ongoing.
- Karen – CO-OP, going to apply for charity application in Spring 2021 – Ongoing.
- Lesley/Maxine/Helen – Due to COVID restrictions, unfortunately the Easter Competition last year never went ahead. Helen is to try and source Eggs from Moston Garage and Lesley/Maxine to arrange Easter Competition and Raffle – Ongoing.
- Amanda and Lesley will continue to look at grant applications – Ongoing

Treasurer Report

Karen gave us an update on financials but started her report by praising everyone's efforts throughout December.

In December we raised just short of £1500.00, total raised in 2020 after expenses was £2215.59 - not bad considering the pandemic!

Christmas raised £1494.57 for December 2020

School Lottery made £528.60 for 2020

£455.00 still left to spend on Wish lists (Originally £4,000 allocated)

Please see Appendix A for end of year report and complete financial breakdown.

Karen also noted that there had been monies paid into the Just Giving page for Santa Donations. It was recognised to be a useful tool by all on the PTA but Karen commented that it costs the PTA £270.00 to run it.

Actions:

Lucy Lee - To investigate if crowd funding fundraising would be allowed at the school.

Karen – To investigate Fee's for other platform sites, I.E. Virgin, Go fund me etc.

Roberts Recycling

Along with the support from Maxine and Lucy, Lesley has arranged the Roberts Recycling dates for: March, May, July, September, and November 2021

Lucy offered the school buses as storage - whilst they are not being used for 48 to enable parents/carers the chance to drop of their clothing donations until collection from Roberts Recycling which would help with any possible COVID transmission.

Lesley also approached a local public house, for their lost property so she could gain the PTA some extra income through the recycling scheme. This started a large conversation!

Actions:

Graham – To approach several local primary schools and Cheshire County Sports Club and see what they do with their lost property

Helen – To approach LIVE about their lost property and also give them some collection bags and see if they would also offer to ask their visitors to get involved.

Wish Lists

Four wish lists came in from the school:

1. Maple Class - £201.39 – Various toys and equipment
2. Cedar Class - £49.99 - Microwave
3. Student Council - £667.15 – Separate boxes of toys for different class bubbles in the school to take into the playground, to reduce COVID transmission.
4. Bridget Aldridge - £62.38 – Playground footballs

The whole of the PTA had a great discussion about the wish list and all items were approved.

Playground

Amanda, Lucy and Sarah spoke to everyone about the playground needing extensive remodelling, which is going to be done in stages over the next year. The School are funding the majority of the works but there are some areas that the school don't have enough monies to update.

The PTA offered to donate £5,000 for a Sensory area within the playground which will provide a safe, tactile and gated community for the children who need a quiet or safe space. The PTA also offered to do some direct fundraising if there was any shortfall of monies needed to complete this huge task.

Fundraising Ideas

- Dorin Park readers
- Running Club
- Virtual ride to the North Pole
- London Marathon
- White-water rafting
- Miles for Smiles (Children may volunteer in a half term)
- Stationary bike ride outside Starbucks

Lesley also raised an idea with everyone about setting up an online pop-up shop to sell the remainder of the Boohoo stock. Ideas were discussed about different platforms to use. I.E. Selling sites, EBay or create an online marketplace through Facebook. The decision was made to trial Facebook and advertising on our own social media.

Actions:

Lesley and Nicole - To sort through big yellow storage and stock.

Lesley – Will take boxes home, label them up for selling and take pictures.

Amanda – To approach Birch class and see if they would want to collaborate with PTA for their business enterprise and help with the stock whilst gaining life skills.

Karen - Helen – To approach Starbucks and Moston Garage for Easter raffle prizes

Everyone – To start collecting more raffle prizes for future draws – especially Easter.

Items to be minuted

The following items are to be minuted:

- The whole of the PTA wanted to share a special thanks to:

Jamie Hartley – For all his input into raising valid funds in December, dressing as Father Christmas doing social distance door visits, telephone calls, reading out poems for Sykes Cottages and Santa's grotto within the school grounds.

Neil McKelvey and The Stanney Oaks Community – For dressing up as Father Christmas and walking around collecting money from a local community.

Party Time Mascots – For their donation of the Santa and Elf suit

Starbucks – Selling the remainder of the reindeer food

Moston Garage – Always supporting the PTA with donations of food for just to either sell or donate

Big Yellow Storage – Providing PTA with ongoing storage and some gifts from their Christmas Toy Appeal. Children were picked at random within the school.

Lime Tree Farm Shop – Donating the Christmas Tree

- The PTA wanted to send special thanks to the school and the staff for all they have done during the pandemic for the children and their families.
- Amanda asked if everyone would be ok to use Teams for future virtual meetings, due to the time shortage on zoom and potential data breaches that have been reported – Everyone agreed.

Date and time of next meeting

Teams

AGM Meeting – 11th March 2021 – All committee members must attend.

Amanda Hartley 01.03.2021